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## 'America has spoken'

After Kerry concedes, Bush vows  
'every resource' to fight terror

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President Bush waves to supporters at a victory rally Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington.

AP photos

### Winning margin

Here are the latest nationwide election returns in the race for president with 99 percent of the nation's precincts reporting. Sen. John Kerry has won 20 states and the District of Columbia with 252 electoral votes. President Bush has won 29 states with 274 electoral votes, and leads in two states with 12 electoral votes.

Candidate	Popular vote
Bush * (R)	59,596,263
Kerry (D)	55,067,893
Other	1,057,158

Candidate	Percent
Bush * (R)	51%
Kerry (D)	48%
Other	1%

Candidate	Electoral votes
Bush * (R)	274
Kerry (D)	252
Other	0

**Needed to win:** 270 of the 538 electoral votes from the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: AP

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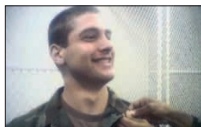
Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., pats Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., before the start of Kerry's concession speech Wednesday in Boston's Faneuil Hall.



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Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Baltimore water taxi wreck:** The operator of a Baltimore water taxi that flipped in the Inner Harbor last March killing five passengers, including three from Virginia, will cease operations immediately under an agreement announced by its owner.

Seaport Taxi's five full-time employees have been let go and as many as 32 part-time employees will no longer work as captains and mates for the company that served the Inner Harbor for five years, officials for the nonprofit Living Classrooms Foundation said Tuesday.

**Flu vaccine shortage:** Nearly 1,900 doses of the scarce flu vaccine spoiled when a refrigerator broke down in West Allis, Wis., the second batch at the same hospital to be ruined in a month.

The egg-based vaccine had been given to 300 patients and 725 doctors and staff members at West Allis Memorial Hospital. Another 850 doses were discarded because it may have lost its effectiveness, said Scott Thompson, vice president of medical operations with Aurora Health Care.

Those who received shots were never in danger of falling ill and will be revaccinated, Thompson said.

**Planned school attack:** Two students have pleaded not guilty to charges that they plotted an attack on their high school in Plymouth, Mass.

Tobin Kerns, 16, and Joseph Nee, 18, were jailed without bail Tuesday, although a judge said they would consider a request to release Nee based on arguments that he is not dangerous.

## Military

**Jenkins verdict:** Four decades after he vanished into North Korea, an American soldier pleaded guilty Wednesday at Camp Zama, Japan, to abandoning his Army unit in 1965, tearfully recounting his fears of death and the depression he said drove him to defect.

Sgt. Charles Robert Jenkins, now a frail and ailing 64-year-old, was given a light 30-day jail term in a case that had pitted American demands for justice with Tokyo's call for leniency so Jenkins could settle down here with his Japanese wife.

In gripping court-martial testimony that shed light on a long-standing Cold War mystery, Jenkins said that he never intended to stay in North Korea, and he cited the harsh treatment — including beatings — he was subject to during 39 years in the communist nation.

Jenkins, in full military dress for the proceedings on a U.S. Army base outside Tokyo, boldly owned up to his crimes.

"Ma'am, I am in fact guilty," he told the judge, Col. Denise Vowell. He also pleaded guilty to aiding the enemy by teaching English to military cadets in the 1980s, though he said he and his family would have faced hardship if he refused.

## World

**West Bank exodus:** Israel's parliament gave preliminary approval Wednesday to compensation packages for Jewish settlers from Gaza and four West Bank settlements, clearing a major hurdle in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate 25 settlements next year.

By a vote of 64-44 with 9 abstentions, the Knesset passed the first of three votes on compensation packages that will give hun-



**Dutch filmmaker's death:** A demonstrator cries while attending a protest in Amsterdam in honor of Theo van Gogh, 47, a Dutch filmmaker who was slain in the street Tuesday. He was repeatedly shot and stabbed to death. A suspected Islamic fundamentalist with alleged terrorist ties was detained in the death Wednesday, Dutch authorities said. Van Gogh had received threats after criticizing the treatment of women under Islam.

dreds of thousands of dollars to the 8,800 settlers in Gaza and parts of the West Bank.

**Spanish terror trial:** An al-Qaida suspect awaiting extradition to Spain after his arrest in Germany refused to give evidence Wednesday at the trial of a Moroccan man accused of helping the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Mamoun Darfazanli, a Syrian-German businessman, is accused by Spanish authorities of being a key al-Qaida figure and giving the group logistical and financial support. He appears in a 1999 wedding video with the three suicide pilots who lived and studied in Hamburg — Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah.

**UAE presidential funeral:** Dignitaries and heads of state prayed Wednesday over the flag-draped body of United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan inside a capital mosque, paying final respects to a man who transformed his desert country into an oil and business hub over more than three decades.

After the prayers, Sheikh Zayed's body was carried out and driven slowly away from the Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Mosque, in a vehicle mobbed by Emiratis in traditional white robes waving his photograph.

Also Wednesday, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan was chosen as president of the United Arab Emirates, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported.

The decision was taken by the Supreme Council — which comprises the leaders of the seven constituent emirates, their brothers and their crown princes, WAM said.

**EU constitution:** Yielding to pressure from opposition parties, the Spanish government has agreed to consult immediately with the nation's highest court on whether the European Union constitution clashes with this country's own charter, officials said Wednesday.

The EU constitution, signed by government leaders in Rome on Friday, says it "will take priority" over laws of member states. But Spain's 1978 charter says it embodies its supreme law.

The government had said last week that it would first go ahead with a Feb. 20 referendum on the EU charter, then decide whether

to confer with Spain's Constitutional Court on whether the two texts are compatible.

**Japan earthquake:** The death toll from last month's magnitude-6.8 earthquake and its aftershocks in northern Japan rose to 38 when two men in their 60s died of stress attributed to the disaster, police said Wednesday.

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake on Oct. 23 in Niigata prefecture and several large aftershocks in the days that followed also have injured more than 2,400 people. Niigata is about 160 miles north of Tokyo.

**Asian bird flu:** A grey heron found dead near Hong Kong's border with mainland China had avian flu, but there were no signs that the bird had spread the deadly virus that's killed 32 people in Asia this year, officials said Wednesday.

Test results confirmed the bird had the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu. Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department spokesman Albert Hui said Wednesday. But the government said earlier there is no indication that the bird has spread its disease.

**Kosovo war victims:** Dozens of ethnic Albanians blocked a key road in Kosovo's capital Wednesday, calling on authorities to resolve the fate of thousands who vanished during Kosovo's war.

About 100 protesters, including many relatives of the missing, sat down in the streets near the headquarters of Kosovo's government. Many of them carried framed photographs of missing family members. Demonstrators planned to block the road for long periods over the next three days.

**Sudan peace talks:** After months of peace talks, the Sudanese government and rebels moved close Wednesday to signing their first accord aimed at stopping ground and air attacks in the war-ravaged Darfur region.

African Union mediators shuttled between Sudanese rebel and government delegations in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, trying to secure the agreement, a day after reports of fresh violence in Darfur.

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## ELECTION 2004

## Bush seals it with narrow Ohio win

## President gets four more years to pursue Iraq war, tax-cutting agenda

BY CALVIN WOODWARD  
AND RON FOURNIER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush won four more years in the White House on Wednesday and pledged to "fight this war on terror or with every resource of our national power." John Kerry conceded defeat rather than back an election challenge in make-or-break Ohio.

"I will need your support and I will work to earn it," the president said in an appeal to the 55 million Americans who voted for his Democratic rival. "We are entering a season of hope," he said.

The president spoke before thousands of cheering supporters less than an hour after his vanquished rival conceded defeat.

"America has spoken," Bush told the crowd.

The re-election triumph gave the president a new term to pursue the war in Iraq and a conservative, tax-cutting agenda at home — and probably the chance to name one or more justices to an aging Supreme Court.

He also will preside alongside expanded Republican majorities in Congress. The GOP gained four Senate seats and bolstered its majority in the House by at least two.

Vice President Dick Cheney told the Republican victory rally that the results of Tuesday's elections translated into a mandate for the president's policies. He did not elaborate.

Bush sketched out the barest outline of a second term agenda, talking of reforming an "outdated tax code," overhauling Social Security and upholding the "deepest values of family and faith."

The two public appearances signaled the end of a campaign waged over the anti-terror war and the economy.

Hours earlier, Kerry had telephoned Bush to offer a private concession. Aides to both men stressed they had agreed on a needed heat the nation after a long and frosty bitter campaign.

Ohio's 20 electoral votes gave Bush 274 in the Associated Press count, four more than the 270 needed for victory. Kerry had 252 electoral votes, with Iowa (7) and New Mexico (5) unsettled.

Bush was winning 51 percent of the popular vote to 48 percent for his rival. He led by more than 3 million ballots.

Officials in both camps described the telephone conversation between two campaign warriers.

Democratic source said Bush called Kerry a worthy, tough and honorable opponent. Kerry told Bush the country was too divided,



Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., left, talks with his presidential running mate, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., before delivering their concession speeches Wednesday in Boston's Faneuil Hall.

and Bush agreed, the source said.

Yet Kerry's public remarks contained an element of challenge to the Republican president. "America is in need of unity and longing for a larger measure of compassion," he said. "I hope President Bush will advance those values in the coming years."

Kerry placed his call after weighing unattractive options overnight. With Bush holding fast to a six-figure lead, Kerry could give up or trigger a struggle that would have stirred memories of the bitter recount in Florida that propelled Bush to the White House in 2000.

"We cannot win this election," the Massachusetts senator said in an emotional campaign farewell in Boston.

Kerry's call was the last bit of drama in a campaign full of it.

White House remains in the White House, Kerry returns to the Senate, part of the shrunken Democratic minority.

He acted, hours after White House chief of staff Andy Card declared Bush the winner and White House aides said the president was giving Kerry time to consider his next step.

One senior Democrat familiar with the discussions in Boston said Kerry's running mate, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, was suggesting that he shouldn't concede.

The official said Edwards, a trial lawyer, wanted to make sure all options were explored and that Democrats pursued them as thoroughly as Republicans would if the positions were reversed.

Advisers said the campaign just wanted one last look for uncounted ballots that might close the 136,000-vote advantage Bush held

in Ohio.

An Associated Press survey of the state's 88 counties found there were about 150,000 uncounted provisional ballots and an unspecified number of absentee votes still to be counted.

Ohio aside, New Mexico and Iowa remained too close to call in a race for the White House framed by a worldwide war against terror and economic worries at home.

But those two states were for the record — Ohio alone had the electoral votes to swing the election to the man in the White House or his Democratic challenger. A GOP legal and political team was dispatched overnight to Ohio in case Kerry made a fight of it.

Republicans already were celebrating election gains in Congress. They picked up four seats in the Senate, and they drove Democratic leader Tom Daschle from office.

That will be the state of play on Capitol Hill for the next two years, with the chance of a Supreme Court nomination fight looming along with legislative battles.

Republicans also re-enforced their majority in the House.

Glitches glared cropped up in overwhelmed polling places as Americans voted in high numbers, fired up by unprecedented registration drives, the excruciatingly close contest and the sense that these were unusually consequential times.

"The mood of the voter in this election is different than any election I've ever seen," said Sangamon County, Ill., clerk Joseph Aiello. "There's more passion. They seem to be very emotional. They're asking lots of questions, double-checking things."

The country exposed its rifts on matters of great import in Tuesday's voting. Exit polls found the electorate split down the middle or very close to it on whether the nation is moving in the right direction, on what to do in Iraq, on whom they trust with their security.



AP photos

Above: President Bush and first lady Laura Bush look over a crowd of supporters during a victory rally Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington.

Bush built a solid foundation by hanging on to almost all the battleground states he got last time. Facing the cruel arithmetic of attrition, Kerry needed to do more than go one state better than Al Gore four years ago; redistricting since then had left those 2000 Democratic prizes 10 electoral votes short of the total needed to win the presidency.

Florida flake to Bush again, close but no argument about it.

Bush's relentless effort to wrest Pennsylvania from the Democratic column fell short. He had visited the state 44 times, more than any other. Kerry picked up New Hampshire in perhaps the election's only turnover.

In Ohio, Kerry won among young adults, but lost in every other age group. One-fourth of Ohio voters identified themselves as born-again Christians and they backed Bush by a 3-to-1 margin.

A sideline issue in the national presidential campaign, gay civil unions may have been a sleeper that hurt Kerry — who strongly supports that right — in Ohio and elsewhere. Ohioans expanded their law banning gay marriage, already considered the toughest in the country, with an even broader constitutional amendment against civil unions.

In all, voters in 11 states approved constitutional amendments limiting marriage to one man and one woman.

In Florida, Kerry again won only among voters under age 30. Six in 10 voters said Florida's economy was in good shape, and they voted heavily for Bush. Voters also gave the edge to Bush's handling of terrorism.

In Senate contests, Rep. John Thune's victory over Daschle represented the first defeat of a Senate party leader in a re-election race in more than a half century.

## ELECTION 2004

## 4 more years: Outlook for Bush's 2nd term

BY BILL STRAUB

Scripps Howard News Service

What will President Bush do in a second term? From Iraq to the economy, here's a look ahead at the next four years.

## Cabinet

Some changes are anticipated. Secretary of State Colin Powell has hinted that he may depart. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is mentioned as a possible replacement. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson plans to return to Wisconsin, looking at a possible run for Senate in two years. Whoever gets Thompson's Cabinet job likely will have to win the approval of the president's social conservative base.

Norman Mineta, the lone Democrat in the inner circle, has been in ill health and may leave the administration. Otherwise, look for the usual cast of characters to return — including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Attorney General John Ashcroft.

## Iraq

At the top of the president's agenda is shepherding a successful national election in Iraq, now scheduled for Jan. 30 — a week after Bush is sworn in again on the Capitol steps. The Pentagon is expected to build up the U.S. force in Iraq in advance of the election and intensify the offensive to clear such Iraqi insurgent strongholds as Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra of U.S. enemy elements.

After the Iraq election, if it goes reasonably well, Bush is likely to bring home at least a symbolic number of U.S. soldiers to signal to both Iraqis and Americans that the war and U.S. occupation will end.

## Military

Barring an attack on America



President Bush will probably steer clear of any sizable new military operations that may further tax the military during his second term.

or its forces overseas, Bush will steer clear of any sizable new military engagements that would further tax the already over-stretched U.S. military. He will push for diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran and North Korea, if both nations continue to thumb their noses at the

United States by advancing their nuclear weapons program.

Short of war with North Korea or any other hostile nation, Bush will not seek to reestablish the military draft, which the Pentagon inalterably opposes.

Bush will likely pour more money into the troubled, \$25 bil-

lion effort to build a national ballistic missile defense, even though it still has not been proven conclusively to work.

## Health care

Bush proposes to spend \$90 billion to \$200 billion over 10 years for tax credits to help low-income people buy insurance and for lots more people to set up tax-exempt savings accounts to help pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance. He would also start a new initiative to enroll children in Medicaid and state health insurance programs.

Enacted as part of the law that created a Medicare prescription drug plan for seniors, health savings accounts have been slow to catch on as an option to employer-provided coverage although the government is offering them to federal employees during the current open season for benefits.

Bush will allow more seniors to have health savings accounts, and he backs tax deductions for long-term care insurance and tax help for caregivers. He would continue to encourage seniors to enroll in private health plans to hold down costs.

## Stem cell research

Stem cell research should remain at current levels during the president's second term, and the government would continue to encourage more private involvement in health research and allow market forces to set prices.

## Economy

Bush will push for a permanent extension of his tax cuts including lower rates for income taxes, capital gains and dividend income and full repeal of federal inheritance taxes. At the same time, he has talked vaguely about reforming the tax code, although Congress seems unlikely to agree to wholesale reform. Congressional Republicans are agreeable to permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts. That is likely to cause \$6 trillion worth of federal deficits in the next decade alone, adding pressure to cut federal spending on popular programs.

## Social Security

Bush could let younger workers put some of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investment accounts, but neither he nor his blue-ribbon commission that studied the issue has said how the change would be financed.

## Supreme Court

Bush says he has no litmus test for Supreme Court appointments,

promising in the presidential debates, "I'll name judges that know the difference between personal opinion and the strict interpretation of the law." He went on to cite the 1857 Dred Scott decision upholding slavery before the Civil War as an example of the "judicial activism" he deplores, not mentioning that the decision is frequently likened by abortion opponents to the 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade that made abortion a nationwide right.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist's thyroid cancer has revived speculation about a vacancy, and at least one opening is likely in the next four years on a court where Clarence

Thomas is the only justice younger than 65.

## Environment

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The crux of the philosophy articulated by the Bush administration has been that environmental policies and regulations that cost industry are bad for the economy and therefore bad for the environment. If the economy is in bad shape, then industry and government will not have money to spend on environmental initiatives, administration officials agree.

Bush's climate and energy policies are likely to continue to emphasize reliance on fossil fuels such as coal for electric power and oil for transportation, which are the main source of the man-made carbon dioxide emissions that are driving climate change. A second Bush administration is also likely to continue to seek substantial funding for research and development of hydrogen fuel cells as the ultimate replacement for the oil in transportation.

Experts generally agree that fuel cells are a distant solution, unlikely to begin to reduce U.S. oil imports until around 2025 at the earliest.

Bush is likely to press for congressional enactment of his "Clear Skies" legislation that would cut power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, two key air pollutants, and reduce mercury by as much as 70 percent sometime after 2018.

## Law suits

Bush has long championed tort reform, seeking to limit the punitive damages an individual can collect as the result of a lawsuit. With an even stronger Republican Senate covering his back, the president might achieve his goal this go-round.

## Abortion

Bush will continue to tell social conservatives what they want to hear but it's unlikely that he will take the steps necessary to ban abortion.



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, left, will probably stay for a second term, but Secretary of State Colin Powell, right, may elect to leave the administration.



## ELECTION 2004

# Troops eye election between Iraq missions

## Many believe outcome will have little effect on operations in Mideast

Stars and Stripes

Troops deployed downrange were eagerly watching the election news in between combat missions and regular work.

Some said President Bush's re-election creates a continuity needed to complete the job in Iraq, while others said regardless of who won, they didn't expect much to change for the U.S. military in Iraq.

The United States has 138,000 troops stationed in Iraq and thousands more in the region supporting the war effort.

"I don't think either candidate was going to up and run [from Iraq]," said 1st Lt. Joe Guthrie, the Iraqi National Guard liaison for the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment based near Mosul.

"I think the same would [have] happened if [Sen. John] Kerry was elected," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Morak, section sergeant for the 73rd Engineer Company mobility support platoon. He doubted either candidate would "pick up and leave" Iraq.

Morak said the end to the politicking allows Bush to focus more on his goals in the region. It also sends the signal that the American people support him.

Having such a close election does show democracy in action, a positive signal for the burgeoning democracy in Iraq.

"I think it could send a message to them that both parties can be incorporated," Guthrie said.

At Forward Operating Base



JULIANA GITTLER/Stars and Stripes

**Soldiers watch election results Wednesday at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent at Forward Operating Base Marez near Mosul, Iraq.**

Danger in Tikrit, Spc. Nathan Rancocles of the 197th Military Police Battalion of the New Hampshire National Guard said the results aren't necessarily good news.

"I was hoping Kerry would win," said Rancocles, 20, of Colebrook, N.H. "I think there's a much better chance I'll be back for another tour ... and I don't want to do another tour."

Spc. Savoy Parker, of the Kitzingen, Germany-based 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, also was rooting for the Massachusetts senator.

"I was hoping Kerry would go ahead and win, because America needs a change," said Parker, 26, of LaPorte, Texas.

But 1st Lt. Crystal Bahe, 24, Barnesville, Minn., 502nd Engineer Company out of Hanau, Ger-

many, said Kerry's lack of a clarity on the issues hurt his chances.

"I'm pretty surprised it's as close as it is," Bahe said. "I think maybe if Kerry had given more of a clearer stance [on the issues], it might have turned his way." A couple of troops deployed to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti said they were pleased with the results.

Marine Sgt. Rex Cox of Spartan-

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Iraqi National Guard liaison,  
1st Battalion,  
24th Infantry Regiment

burg, S.C., and the 1st Provisional Security Company said he was happy that Bush won.

"I'm a Republican, so that's the side I tend to support," said Cox.

He added that is what is important for everyone in the country to be on the same page.

"A lot of people feel it's not right for us to be over here [in the Middle East]," Cox said. "But Bush supports us and I support his decision. You've got to support your president. If you don't, all you have is confusion."

Chief Petty Officer Patrick Wiers of Jacksonville, Fla., the senior enlisted adviser for Expeditionary Medical Unit 10, said Bush has been good to the troops.

"I feel that for the last four years President Bush has been decent to the military," Wiers said. "I'd be happy to see him win. He's given us decent pay raises. Why create change if you don't have to?"

Stars and Stripes reporters Juliana Gittler, Steve Liewer and Charlie Coon contributed to this report.

# Bush victory finds favor among troops in Europe

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Finally, it's over.

When Sen. John Kerry announced late Wednesday afternoon in Europe that he was conceding the election, President Bush was formally assured of a second term.

But the delay in the announcement had not dissuaded most voters from celebrating or commiserating earlier in the day.

The line to get in to the election-night party Tuesday at the Amerika Haus in Frankfurt, Germany, was almost as long as the ones at polling stations in the United States.

Inside, hundreds of people enjoyed free food and drinks as they watched the election results roll in. Among them was Republican Jeffrey Jowett, wearing a big "W04" sticker on his jacket.

At 4:30 a.m. CEST, and Bush with a projected lead in electoral votes at 193-112, Jowett said he was very pleased. "I hoped it would be clear, but you can never be sure," he said.

At the Army's European headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, soldiers were in early checking election results over the Internet, said Sgt. Jason Bostic. A bodyguard for top commanders, Bostic said the

mood was upbeat.

"Probably 98 percent of the people in our detachment are for Bush, so most of us have been pretty excited," said Bostic. "I don't think people realize how many soldiers wouldn't re-enlist if Kerry wins."

His buddy and fellow bodyguard Sgt. Steven Hodson agreed. "If Kerry were to win, I'd probably want to see how things went, but I'd lean very heavily on getting out of the Army," he said.

Both point to record pay raises for those in uniform and improvements to quality of life while Bush has been in office as the foundation for their support.

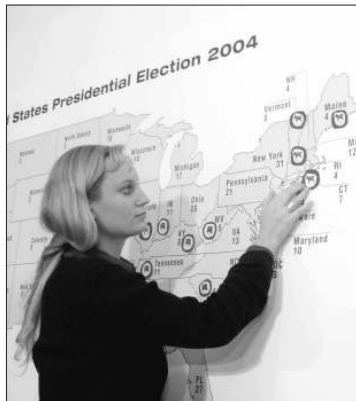
"It's for the military," Hodson said of Bush. "He got us up to date with equipment and with pay and [has] done a good job running the war."

In Bamberg, Germany, veteran and civilian employee Tim Gallton said he thought Bush had the election — even with Ohio's vote in doubt.

"Based on what I saw on TV, I think Bush got it," Gallton said. "It went the way I wanted it to, so I'm happy. I don't want a Democrat in office right now. I don't think that would be good for military people."

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**Sgt. Jason Bostic**  
Heidelberg, Germany



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Kristen Koepfer of the Amerika Haus adds a donkey sticker to a United States map representing a state that was projected to go to John Kerry during the election night party at the Amerika Haus in Frankfurt, Germany. Hundreds of Germans, Americans and other internationals turned out to watch election coverage on television.

SEE REACTION ON PAGE 6

## ELECTION 2004

## Overseas ballots carried little weight

BY TRACI CARL  
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Some spent months campaigning overseas, and they turned out in growing numbers to cast absentee ballots. But the votes of Americans living abroad not only didn't play a key role in this election — many didn't even get a chance to be counted.

Democratic candidate John Kerry conceded defeat to President Bush on Wednesday, even though 5.5 million to 6 million absentee and provisional ballots had yet to be tallied.

In 2000, Bush's victory was certified only with the overseas ballots. That fact encouraged a dramatic rise in overseas registration and an increase in political activism abroad leading up to this election.

It was no different on election night, as Americans around the world packed U.S. Embassy election bushes or opted for smaller, partisan gatherings.

All agreed they had taken a much greater interest in this year's election, citing concern about U.S. foreign policy, terrorism and the role of overseas votes in the last election.

In Mexico — home to an estimated 1 million Americans, more than any other foreign country — a hushed crowd of Kerry supporters packed a small bar to watch as states fell to Bush.

"I'm not leaving until I know my boy won!" said Eric Larrondo, 26, a Kerry volunteer who became involved in politics

after losing several friends in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Larrondo, who grew up in New York, said he had Kerry supporters asking him Tuesday how they could register at the last minute.

"I had a person knocking on my door wanting to vote, and I had to turn them away," he said.

At Planet Hollywood in Paris, bleary-eyed election watchers guzzled coffee and stayed glued to big-screen TV sets as all-night election party stretched past sunrise.

"I'm really glad all this is coming to an end. I just want it to be over," said Jake Tyshow, a 29-year-old corporate lawyer from Maple Grove, Minn., wearing a

Bush-Cheney baseball cap in a room full of Kerry supporters.

Tyshow burst into applause as Bush won Florida. He was the only one clapping.

"This is what it's like to be a Bush supporter in France," he said.

Later, a group of Kerry supporters staggered out onto the Champs-Élysées looking lost.

"It's been quite a depressing evening," 29-year-old Texan Bradley Jettich said.

At downtown Berlin's Potsdamer Platz, where a few hundred people gathered to watch election coverage on the big screen at a multiplex, Robert Furlong, 36, of Boston, said Bush gave America a bad image.

"These days, you spend a lot of time defending and explaining yourself in Germany," he said.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Above: Supporters of Sen. John Kerry and Sen. John Edwards watch the polling results at the election night party at the Amerika Haus in Frankfurt, Germany. Hundreds of Germans and Americans and other internationalists turned out to watch election coverage on television. Right: Spc. Daryl Stoneman, walking at far right, of Company A, 32nd Signal Battalion, walks past the chalk "Stop Bush!" sign with some friends outside of Kelley Barracks at lunchtime. Stoneman spit on the sign while walking past it. He voted for Bush and said he's happy Bush is going to remain president.



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

## Reaction: Troops ready to move past election

## REACTION, FROM PAGE 5

TVs around Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, ran non-stop election coverage as people ate. Most people seemed to ignore the sets, saying they were getting all the election news they could handle in their offices.

When White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card said that Bush would take Ohio and declared an election victory, it brought cheers from those assembled at re-election headquarters, but didn't elicit a peep from the handful of lunchtime slot-machine players in the Naples base club, unless one counted more coins being dropped into the machines.

Lt. j.g. Martin Kelly of the 6th Fleet staff just wanted the election to be over so that he could stop arguing with his parents.

"I'm strong one way and they're strong for the other," he said over lunch at the Naval Support Activity Naples Cio Hall. "My family hates the Heinz family and Kerry."

"I think that we can now move on," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Monte Blome, who had requested a ballot from his home state of South Dakota, but didn't receive it before Election Day. "I would have voted for Bush, though."

Both Blome and Kelly agreed that it isn't just the Americans watching this election. "I think the world sees this [election] as very important," Blome, also of the 6th Fleet staff, said. "We're seen as the last great superpower in the world and we affect the rest of the world in a lot of ways."

"The world sees the values of the American people by who gets elected," said Kelly, an Atlanta native.

During lunchtime in Darmstadt, Germany, troops rushed in and out of Kelley Barracks, where someone had written "Stop Bush!" with chalk on the sidewalk just outside the back gate.

Regardless of what the ground declared, troops said they thought Bush would win.

"I look forward to pay raises. That's one thing he's given us: money," said Spc. Richard Swinimer, of the 22nd Signal Brigade. He chose not to vote because he said neither candidate appealed to him.

"I don't necessarily agree with the war in Iraq and I'm concerned about some of Bush's policies," said Spc. Brandon Doyle, of the 105th Military Intelligence Battalion, who voted, but wouldn't say who he voted for.

Spc. Katherine Freasier said she voted for Kerry, but that she wasn't holding her breath waiting for him to be announced the next president.

Later in the lunch hour, Staff Sgt. Daryl Hurey, of Company A, 32nd Signal Battalion, asked, "Haven't you heard the latest?"

He said news reports announced the Bush camp certain of a win. He voted for Kerry, but he wasn't too disappointed in the news.

"He's got it wrapped up," Hurey said. "I work for him and I'm going to keep work-

ing for him. Plus, he didn't do too bad with the military. He might not have taken care of the economy so well, but he's good with the troops and military families."

Other troops were more emphatic about their choice.

"I don't like hippies and I think Kerry's a hippie," said Spc. Daryl Stoneman, of Company A, 32nd Signal Battalion, who took a second to spit on the "Stop Bush!" sign. He said he thought Kerry was just piggybacking off Bush's platform during the debates.

First-time voter Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin Barlock of Naples Security took a more personal reason for wanting the election to be over.

"If I get us out of [force protection condition] Charlie," he said, waiting for his turn to play air hockey in the single sailor lounge.

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## ELECTION 2004

## This time, the process seemed to work

## Only minor voting glitches reported

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The big surprise of the 2004 U.S. election: For the most part, the voting went smoothly.

By the close of polls across the United States, despite heavy turnout and hints of a vote-counting saga dead ahead, there were only scattered reports of equipment trouble and human error at the voting stations. And none was major.

Educated and dedicated voters deserve most of the credit, said Doug Chapin, director of the nonpartisan Election Reform Information Project.

"At the end of the day it came down to the voters, and they stood in the rain, they asked questions, they went to court," Chapin said. "And voters came through in a way that even the most optimistic of us hadn't expected."

After the disaster of 2000, when recounting stretched for several weeks and the question of how long it should continue ended up with the U.S. Supreme Court, pessimism has been in large supply.

"We heard stories of isolated incidents, but no major problems,"

said California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley, when all 55 electoral votes — the most of any state — went to Democrat John Kerry. "While long lines may have frustrated voters, it's a wonderful, positive reflection on our democracy," Shelley said late Tuesday.

In Ohio, after a voter filed suit on behalf of voters who didn't receive absentee ballots on time, all were allowed to cast provisional ballots. Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell said early Wednesday that the number of provisional ballots in the state could be as high as 250,000. Provisional ballots are new to this election. Any voter whose name does not appear on precinct rolls is entitled to cast a provisional — or paper — ballot. But elections officials must individually certify them as being cast by registered voters before they can be counted.

About half of all voters said they were very confident their ballots would be accurately counted, according to a national Associated Press exit poll conducted by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Extreme vigilance by election officials caused unfounded con-



First-time voter Natalia Agudelo, 20, left, gets some help from attorney Pam Kearse, a member of the Volunteer Lawyers for Kerry/Edwards, outside a polling precinct Tuesday in Hollywood, Fla.

plaints and poll closures, including a suspicious substance in Mount Laurel, N.J., later determined to be spilled salt.

Long after poll-closing time, voters in some states still were waiting in long lines. In Ohio, the

wait was as long as seven hours.

In Connecticut, some got restless.

"They were getting a little rowdy," said Bridgeport Sgt. Nick Meriano. "It's under control now. People were in line a couple hours."

Hundreds complained about touch-screen voting machines, which computer scientists say are prone to malfunction and hacking. They were used in 29 states and the District of Columbia.

E-voting appeared to take its worst hit in New Orleans, where precinct workers were forced to tell voters to come back because of problems including machines that did not boot up properly.

"New Orleans wasn't the award for the worst voting situation in the country when it comes from electronic voting machines," said Cindy Cohn, legal director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

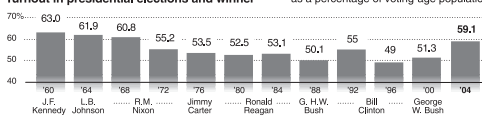
Florida had a few problems of its own in that area. In the state that gave the 2000 election to President Bush on the basis of 537 votes, 10 touch-screen voting machines failed at various precincts in Broward County.

Common Cause reported more than 175,000 calls to its national voting hot line. The citizens' lobby group said extremely high voter turnout caused complaints of ballot shortages and overwhelmed polling officials.

But such problems appeared to have been quickly solved in some areas. "There's been nothing systemic, nothing that seems to be widespread," said Matt Brix, director of Common Cause New Mexico.

## High voter turnout rivals 1960 benchmark

Turnout in presidential elections and winner as a percentage of voting-age population



\*As of 6:05 a.m., with 98.8% precincts reporting

SOURCES: Federal Election Commission

AP

## Voter turnout highest since '60s

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Driven by an intense race for the presidency, a greater percentage of Americans voted Tuesday than at any time in more than three decades.

About 120 million people cast ballots, or just under 60 percent of eligible voters — the highest percentage turnout since 1968, said Curtis Gans, director of the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. He expected more detailed figures later Wednesday.

One county clerk in Illinois spoke for poll workers across the country on Election Day when he summed up the turnout with one word: "Gangbusters."

Four years ago, in the election that led to Republican President Bush's narrow victory over Democrat Al Gore, slightly more than 54 percent of eligible voters, or about 105.4 million, voted.

Former President Clinton's 1996 re-election bid drew just 49 percent of eligible voters, about 96.3 million. But his 1992 challenge to the first President George Bush brought out 55.2 percent of eligible voters, or about 104.4 million.

Officials had eyes on whether Tuesday's turnout

would rival the 1960 benchmark, when about two-thirds of eligible voters came out to back either Democrat John Kennedy or Republican Richard Nixon.

At least six states — Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia — and the District of Columbia set new voter-turnout highs, according to Gans' analysis.

"On both sides, the presidency of George Bush was a lightning rod," he said. "For those who supported him they supported him for traditional values, strong leadership, the war on terrorism and some rejection of things that the Democrats advocate," such as abortion rights and gay civil unions.

On the other side, it was the war on Iraq, debt, the feeling he hadn't been candid with the American people, too conservative values and division in the country," Gans said.

When it comes to voting, the United States still has some distance to go to match the participation of voters in other democracies. But by U.S. standards, Tuesday shaped up as an impressive show.

In California, the estimated voter turnout was 12 million, a record for the state.

"It's a landslide of people coming out, which is nice," voter Theresa Cocco, 45, a business owner, said outside the Surfing Museum in Huntington Beach. "It renews my faith in society."

## TV news avoids mistakes of 2000

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Burned by their blown calls in the 2000 election, television networks were determined not to make the same mistake again Tuesday night and left President Bush on the brink of victory — but not quite there.

Meanwhile, there were concerns among television executives about early exit polls that indicated John Kerry would do much better than he appeared to be faring as actual vote counts came in.

Striking first, Fox News Channel declared President Bush had won Ohio at 12:41 a.m. EST. Coupled with a projection of Alaska for Bush as soon as polls closed there at 1 a.m., Fox said Bush had clinched at least a tie for the presidency with 269 electoral votes.

NBC joined Fox in calling Ohio and Alaska for Bush at 1 a.m.

"This race is all but over," NBC anchor Tom Brokaw said.

But by 5 a.m., ABC, CBS, CNN and The Associated Press — four other news organizations that received the same vote count and exit poll information as NBC and Fox — had kept Ohio in the undecided camp.

Those same four news organizations declared Bush the winner in Nevada. NBC and Fox would not, by their counts, a Nevada win would have given Bush the presidency.

"Our judgment is that we will not be the arbiter," Brokaw said. "There will be no declaration from us tonight as long as the Kerry campaign is contesting in Ohio."

Shortly before 5 a.m., Brokaw acknowledged to viewers that the situation was frustrating. "It is frustrating for us as well," he said.

ABC's Terry Moran raised the possibility of a high-stakes game of chicken. He said the White House appeared irritated that none of the networks were declaring Bush the winner.

"Essentially what is holding things up is the president and his team is waiting for him to be declared the winner by us," he said.

But ABC didn't budge in not calling Ohio, even though analyst George Stephanopoulos said it was "mathematically almost impossible" for Kerry to win.

At Fox, a spokesman said most of its decision team had left the office by 4 a.m.

CNN was in limbo, painting Ohio green on its red state-blue state map. "We are being very cautious here," Judy Woodruff said.

The 2000 election night fiasco — when all of the networks twice prematurely declared a winner in Florida — was probably what led to the city to Bush weeks before it was settled — was clearly on their minds.

"If we hadn't gone through what we had gone through in 2000, we probably would have called Ohio for Bush," CNN's Jeff Greenfield said.

## ELECTION 2004 ANALYSIS

## Victory and a valuation for Bush, GOP

BY JOHN F. HARRIS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Four years later, it is still a divided country — perhaps more sullenly than ever — but as a long election night bled into morning, the evidence was clear that it is becoming a more Republican one.

President Bush commanded the popular-vote majority that eluded him in 2000. And in an impressive run of battleground states, he seemed to win validation for a campaign that unabashedly stressed conservative themes and reveled in partisan combat against Democratic nominee John Kerry.

On the same night, Republicans expanded their majority in the Senate and had the Democratic leader on the ropes. It seemed likely they would also make gains in the House, as voters in an age of terrorism seemed to let go of their 1990s preference for divided government and gave a narrow but unmistakable mandate for the GOP.

These gains came in the face of what Democrats for months had been touting as important advantages: a party unified early around its nominee, an energized base filled with grievance against the incumbent, unprecedented

fund raising and voter mobilization efforts.

They came despite some stiff headwinds for Bush, including a steady stream of bad news out of Iraq and a weak record on jobs.

The results are "an indication that we still are clearly a divided nation," said John Pitney, a political scientist at California's Claremont McKenna College. But he added that Bush's strong performance in Florida and a clear tilt his way in Ohio, combined with the GOP strength in Congress, means that this rough parity has gained a more "Republican edge."

Tuesday's balloting did in several instances validate important elements of the Bush political model. This strategy has been based from the outset of Bush's term on carefully tending to the Republican Party's conservative base, and a governing strategy based more often on trying to vanquish political adversaries rather than split the difference with them.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the Iraq war, Bush strategists have also calculated that there is not so much difference between base voters and centrist "swing" voters. Both, they maintained, are concerned above all with national security and

lower taxes. The strategy defied the wisdom of many Democrats since Bill Clinton, which held that swing voters were a distinct political entity and would not respond to a president as partisan as Bush.

As it happened, though, Bush's strategy Tuesday night worked much like it was supposed to, with most Republican-leaning states taking quick off the table, and battleground Florida falling with relative comfort — 52 percent to 47 percent — into Bush's column. In Ohio, where Kerry and independent liberal groups waged an unprecedented campaign to register and turnout new Democratic voters, Bush responded with an unprecedented effort of his own that seems to have produced roughly as many Republican voters in rural and "collar county" suburban areas.

"One bit of conventional wisdom was that high turnout would benefit the Democrats," Pitney said. "Republicans may do it differently, but they proved they can produce high turnout, too."

Scott Reed, manager of Bob Dole's campaign in 1996, said few Republicans expected Bush to do so well, and said the evangelical vote was where he "really ran up the numbers."

"This was part of their national

strategy to play to the base, and that's what they did to close," Reed said. "They stuck with it. They didn't waver when there was a push from some in the party to move to the middle, and it paid off in spades."

If the wisdom among many political commentators proves right again, this election will likely do more to illuminate the country's deep cultural and ideological divisions — which surfaced vividly in the 2000 race and have persisted through terrorist attacks, two wars and a hard-fought election — than bring them to closure.

This result was deeply confounding to centrist Democrats, not only because of the grim tidings for Kerry but because of what it suggested about the state of American politics. Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner, a moderate Democrat who wins high approval ratings in a deeply conservative state, said Bush's approach may convince people in both parties that cultivating their bases is the right way to win elections — even though he regards this as a dubious model for governing.

"The center is still where most Americans are," said Warner, in an interview Tuesday night before the results were clear. "The thing that struck me about this race is how rarely either candidate tried to appeal to people in the other party."

## Election night winners and losers

## Winners

■ **Job Bush.** The Florida governor's state came through for his older brother. Floridians preferred President Bush to Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., by 5 percentage points, a larger-than-expected margin, keeping Jeb Bush's 2008 presidential prospects alive.

■ **Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.** R-Tenn. Frist's leadership abilities have been under fire, but on Tuesday the Republicans strengthened their Senate majority, boosting Frist's position as a 2008 presidential candidate.

■ **The Republican right.** Two outspoken conservatives, Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and Jim DeMint, R-S.C., won Senate seats. Both were backed by the conservative Club for Growth.

■ **Barack Obama.** Obama easily won the open Illinois Senate seat to become the only black member of the Senate. With an established record as a powerful speaker he is positioned to become a prominent Democratic figure.

■ **Big win for House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.** R-Texas. DeLay masterminded a controversial, partisan re-drawing of Texas congressional districts this year that paid off. Four of the five Democrats DeLay sought to push out of the House lost on Tuesday.

## Losers

■ **Phillip Crane.** First elected to the House in 1969, the Illinois legislator was once a leader of the conservative wing of the GOP. He was defeated by Democrat Melissa Bean, who pounded him as "a do-nothing congressman."

■ **Rep. Brad Carson (Okla.).** One of the few remaining conservative Democrats in Congress lost his bid for an open Senate seat.

■ **Alan Keyes,** the former presidential and Maryland Senate candidate who moved to Illinois to run against Obama. Keyes, an outspoken conservative, was a last-minute GOP pick after Jack Ryan bowed out in a sex scandal. Keyes registered slightly more than 25 percent of the vote.

■ **The National Election Pool** — an alliance of ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox, NBC and the Associated Press — to tabulate exit poll surveys. The early waves of polling all pointed toward a decisive John Kerry win in key battleground states, an outcome that failed to materialize.

■ **Ralph Nader.** The man widely credited with siphoning off enough Democratic votes to give the presidency to Bush in 2000 was hardly a factor, winning less than 1 percent.

— The Washington Post

## Concerns over values, terrorism boost Bush

BY CONNIE CASS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. voters credited President Bush with protecting the country and trusted him more than Sen. John Kerry to take on the terrorists. That offset their displeasure with the economy and the course of the war in Iraq.

Tuesday's election found the United States divided by all sorts of issues — from the role of government to gay marriage.

Bush had said the race would come down to "who do you trust."

And a majority of voters said when it comes to handling terrorism, they trust Bush. Associated Press exit polls found.

Although fewer than 10 voters were worried about another major attack on U.S. soil, a majority nonetheless felt the nation was safer than four years ago. That majority strongly favored Bush.

"For my safety, I know he's the one who's going to do the job," retorted Rebecca Lesko said after voting for Bush in Lincoln, New Jersey. "I think [Osama] bin Laden is scared of Bush. That's why we haven't been bombed yet."

Kerry was the choice of the 40 percent who felt less safe.

The poll exploring the electorate's thinking was conducted among 13,047 voters for AP and

the television networks by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Moral values — heavily emphasized by the president — edged terrorism and the economy as the top issue.

On the economy, voters were about as likely to say Kerry could be trusted as Bush — with many believing the economy has soured since the election.

Voters rated the nation's economy significantly worse than they did four years ago, when 75 percent called it excellent or good.

This year, a majority said the economy was poor to not so good.

Kerry carried the group who said the economy was the most important issue as well as those who felt Iraq mattered most.

Chris Coffin of Boston — like about a third of Kerry voters — said his vote was mostly against Bush.

"He didn't get bin Laden and Iraq is a mess," said Coffin, a Boston hotel manager and a political independent. "What has he done?"

A majority said things were going badly for the United States in Iraq, and they heavily favored Kerry. Yet slightly more voters approved of the decision to go to war with Iraq than disapproved.

Bush carried white men, voters with family income over \$50,000 described themselves as



AL JAZEERA VIA AP/TN/AP

In a video broadcast Friday, just days before the U.S. presidential election, Osama bin Laden admits that he was responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Election results appeared to bear out the belief of a majority of Americans that President Bush could best handle the war on terror.

born-again Christians or evangelicals supported Bush. Those white evangelicals — a crucial voting block for the president — represented about a fifth of all voters. Their top issue was moral values.

Kerry was the overwhelming favorite of black voters and had a big lead among Hispanics, though Bush improved his performance among that key group. Kerry had the lead among women, another core group of Democratic supporters.

Young voters supported Kerry over Bush by about 10 percent

age points, but the expected surge in their participation this year was not evident.

Just under 10 percent of voters were between age 18 and 24, about the same share of the electorate as in 2000. But four years ago, they were evenly split between Bush and Gore.

Besides in-person interviews Tuesday, the survey included 500 absentee or early voters interviewed by telephone during the past week. The margin of sampling error for the entire sample was plus or minus 1 percentage point.



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# Netter party gains in gubernatorial races

BY SHARON COHEN  
The Associated Press

Republicans scored two big wins in gubernatorial races in the Midwest, recapturing seats in Indiana and Missouri. But the GOP gains were offset by Democratic victories in New Hampshire and Montana in an election where neither party dominated statewide contests.

In Washington state, the candidates were running neck-in-neck with mail-in ballots potentially delaying the final result for days.

Among 11 states that chose their governors Tuesday, two in America's heartland saw a turnover to the GOP in their executive mansions. Both were places where President Bush posted solid victories.

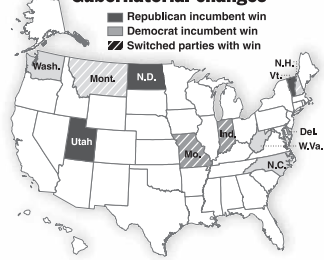
In Indiana, Mitch Daniels, former White House budget director under Bush, won easily and gave the GOP control of the governor's seat for the first time since a Democrat took office in 1989. He defeated Joe Kernan, who took over last year after the death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

In Missouri, Matt Blunt, the Republican secretary of state and son of Rep. Roy Blunt, edged out Claire McCaskill, the Democratic state auditor. His win gives the state GOP full control of the Capitol for the first time in four generations.

But those Republican wins were balanced by Democratic gains: In New Hampshire, John Lynch ousted GOP incumbent Craig Benson, accusing him of running a corrupt administration. State officials said it was the first time since 1926 that a freshman governor was denied a second term.

And in Montana, another bit of

## Gubernatorial changes



history was written as Democrat Brian Schweitzer, a farmer-rancher, rolled by Bob Brown, the Republican secretary of state.

"It's a new day in Montana," Schweitzer said Tuesday night as he celebrated the victory that returns the office to Democrats for the first time in 16 years.

The GOP still could pick up a governorship previously held by Democrats in Washington state. In that contest, Republican Dino Rossi and Democrat Christine Gregoire were separated by a few thousand votes and absentee and provisional ballots could delay the final tally for weeks.

Washington — along with Montana and West Virginia — were states where governors chose not

to seek re-election. In two other states — Utah and Missouri — incumbents were ousted by their own parties during the primaries.

In several open seats, the races were marked by record spending and unprecedented bursts of out-of-state money. But local issues, including taxes, economic development and transportation, also were factors in gubernatorial races.

In six other states, incumbents won or the party kept control of the executive mansions.

In Delaware, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, a 30-year veteran of political contests, squeaked by GOP challenger Bill Lee, a retired judge, to win a second term.

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley won a second term over Republi-



Republican candidate for governor of Indiana Mitch Daniels talks to supporters during a victory rally Tuesday in Indianapolis. Daniels defeated incumbent Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan.

lican Patrick Ballantine in a state that has suffered job losses in the textile and furniture industry.

On the GOP side, two incumbents also won. In Vermont, Jim Douglas crushed Democrat Peter Chaville, the Burlington mayor. And in North Dakota, John Hoeven breezed to a second term over former Democratic state Sen. Joe Satrom, who had argued the incumbent was ineffective.

In the remaining open seats, the Republicans maintained control in Utah, where Jon Huntsman Jr., heir to his father's chemical fortune, capitalized on the state's overwhelming GOP base to defeat Democrat Scott Matheson Jr.

And in West Virginia, Democrat Joe Manchin, the secretary of state, beat Republican Monty Warner and Jesse Johnson of the Mountain Party.

## Nader's presence fails to affect election result

BY SAM HANANIEL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats won't be arguing this year that Ralph Nader ruined the chances of their presidential candidate.

Unlike the 2000 race, Nader failed to win enough votes in any state to affect the overall outcome for Democrat John Kerry.

Nationwide, the independent presidential candidate won 0.3 percent of the vote, just a fraction of the 0.7 percent he earned four years ago.

Nader vowed to continue his campaign against corporate domination of American politics. He lashed out at Democrats and the "liberal intelligentsia" for ensuring him to quit the race and mounting a massive legal campaign to keep him off the ballots in key battleground states.

"The liberals who staff and fund so many of those good groups, that years ago made demands on politicians, they don't make demands on the Democratic Party anymore," a

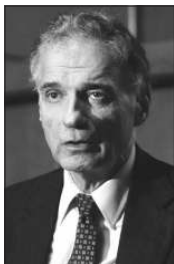
raspy-voiced Nader told about 150 supporters gathered in Washington late Tuesday.

"The contempt that the Democratic Party has for groups that support them, when these groups do not make any demand on them, they are making the Democratic Party seem more like the Republican Party," Nader said.

Nearly every major environmental, civil rights, labor and consumer group opposed Nader, but he said he decided to run because both major political parties refused to address his concerns, including public financing of elections, a universal, single-payer health care system and withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Nader was on the ballot in 34 states this year, including at least a half-dozen battleground states where Democrats feared his presence could tip the balance in another razor-thin presidential contest. In 2000, he appeared on 43 state ballots as the Green Party's candidate.

Election returns show Nader



Ralph Nader

was much less of a factor this year than in 2000, when Democrats say he siphoned votes from Gore in Florida and New Hampshire, giving the states and the election to George W. Bush.

The independent presidential candidate won less than 0.5 percent of the vote in Florida, while Bush led Kerry by 5 percentage points. Four years ago, Nader won about 2 percent — more than 97,000 votes. Democrats believe most of those votes would have gone to Gore, who lost the state by 537 votes.

## GOP secures hold on Southern legislatures

### Parity retained with Dem wins elsewhere

BY JUSTIN POPE  
The Associated Press

State legislative elections in 44 states Tuesday solidified two dominant trends of recent years: Republican gains in the South, but enough Democratic victories elsewhere to ensure continued parity between the parties nationwide.

The GOP swept to a spectacular victory in the Georgia House and picked up two seats in the Tennessee Senate to gain its first elected majority in those bodies since Reconstruction. It also gained the Oklahoma House for the first time in 83 years.

But Democrats fought a tie in the Iowa Senate, regained the Vermont House and broke a 15-15 tie in the Oregon Senate. In Washington, they retook the Senate and appeared poised to expand their House majority.

In Colorado, Democrats had a strong chance at a surprise victory in their battle to retake both the House and Senate, with the key races still undecided early Wednesday.

Heading into Election Day, Republicans held both chambers in 21 states, the Democrats had both in 17, and control was divided in 11. Nebraska has just one legislative chamber and is officially nonpartisan.

"Those figures did not appear likely to change dramatically. The total number of legislative seats separating the two parties nationwide also was expected to stay extraordinarily tight. Out of more than 7,000 legislative seats nationwide, Republicans held an edge of about 60 nationwide coming into Election Day. As of early Wednesday, 3,647 Republican candidates had won or were leading, just 17 more than Democrats."

"The Republicans really solidified their hold on the South," said Tim Storey, senior fellow and elections analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "At the same time, Democrats made pretty substantial gains in other parts of the country. . . . If you throw in Democratic gains in the governor's races, the Democrats are going to wind up controlling some states."

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# Republicans extend control of U.S. House

## Nearly all incumbents sail to re-election

BY ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans extended their decade-long hold on the House for another two years and were on their way to slightly expanding their majority, knocking off four veteran Texas Democrats along the way.

Among their few setbacks was the defeat of the longest serving GOP member of the chamber, Rep. Phil Crane of Illinois. In a familiar pattern, 98 percent of incumbents seeking re-election prevailed or were leading.

Tuesday's voting left Republicans ready to control the House for a dozen consecutive years, the first time they have achieved that feat since the 12 years that ended in January 1933. With the GOP also renewing its command of the Senate, the party was assured of reigning over Congress, though with narrow majorities that should allow Democrats to slow and even derail some Republican initiatives.

GOP leaders were jubilant. The two chambers' leaders, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., were already planning their agenda.

"One of the first things that Senator Frist and I want to do ... is make sure that we can continue to supply better health care for the American people," Hastert said. "Take care of those people who don't have it. Also work and make sure that we take care of our men and women who are fighting overseas and to make this country even stronger against terrorist attack."

By early Wednesday morning in the East, Republicans had won 228 seats and were leading in five others, which could give them at least 233 seats. That would be an effective four-seat gain for the GOP. Democrats had 199 seats and led in two.

There are 435 seats in the House, with 218 needed for majority control.

Republicans hold a 227-205 advantage over Democrats in the outgoing House, plus two vacant seats formerly held by Republicans who have retired and one independent who sides with Democrats.

The failure of either party to make dramatic House gains underscored that the national debates over Iraq and the economy provided no decisive help to either side.

Months after Texas' dominant state Republicans redraw congressional districts to the GOP's advantage, the fiercely disputed plan bore fruit and fueled the party's ability to hold its House majority. Hastert, chief architect of the House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, himself easily re-elected.

Texas' Democratic Reps. Chet Stenholm, leading fiscal conservative and power on the Agriculture Committee, and



Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., reacts Tuesday to winning re-election in Norwalk, Conn., with his daughter Jeramy, left, and wife Betsy, center, at his side. Shays was among many incumbents to win.

Martin Frost, a one-time member of his party's leadership, were both defeated, as were Reps. Max Sandlin and Nick Lampson. The four had a total of 68 years of House experience.

Nick Clooney, former Cincinnati television anchor and father of actor George Clooney, lost his attempt to hold an open northeastern Kentucky seat for Democrats. He was beaten by GOP businessman Geoff Davis.

Democrats fared better in the well-to-do suburbs north of Chicago, where they defeated Crane,

Democrats also forced freshman GOP Rep. Max Burns, a top target of theirs, to battle for re-election from a Democratic-leaning east Georgia district. Republican Nancy Naples was trailing in her attempt to hold an open seat for her party in a district around Buffalo, N.Y., and Democrats retained seats that Republicans fought hard for in South Dakota, Missouri and Oregon.

In Connecticut, the GOP overcame Democratic efforts to force some Republican incumbents to President Bush, whose popularity is low there. Maverick GOP Rep. Christopher Shays and former CIA agent Rep. Rob Simmons stayed off Democratic rivals.

A pair of Louisiana seats will be decided in Dec. 4 run-offs, with each party expected to hold onto one.

Frost's bitter race against GOP Rep. Pete Sessions was the country's most expensive; the pair raised \$8.4 million by late October, split almost equally. Stenholm was defeated by freshman Rep. Randy Neugebauer in a district in which two-thirds of the voters were new to Stenholm.

Only one Texas Democrat threatened by redistricting was able to survive: Rep. Chet Edwards, despite the influence of one of his Crawford, Texas, constituents, President Bush.

Nearly all incumbents from

### House of Representatives by state

As of 8:41 a.m. EST

98.7% of precincts reporting

STATE	Total seats	Republicans	Democrats	Other
Ala.	7	2	0	0
Alaska	1	0	0	0
Ariz.	8	6	2	0
Ark.	4	1	3	0
Calif.	53	20	33	0
Colo.	7	4	3	0
Conn.	5	3	2	0
Del.	1	1	0	0
Fla.	25	18	7	0
*Ga.	13	7	5	0
Hawaii	2	0	2	0
Idaho	2	2	0	0
Ill.	19	9	10	0
*Ind.	9	6	2	0
Iowa	5	4	1	0
Kan.	4	3	1	0
Ky.	6	5	1	0
*La.	7	4	1	0
Maine	2	0	2	0
Me.	6	2	6	0
Mass.	10	0	10	0
Mich.	15	9	6	0
Minn.	8	4	4	0
Miss.	4	2	2	0
Mo.	9	5	4	0
Mont.	1	1	0	0
Neb.	3	1	2	0
Nev.	3	2	1	0
N.H.	2	2	0	0
N.J.	13	6	7	0
N.M.	3	1	0	2
*N.Y.	29	9	19	0
N.C.	13	7	6	0
N.D.	1	0	1	0
Ohio	18	12	6	0
Okl.	5	4	1	0
Ore.	5	1	4	0
*Pa.	19	11	7	0
R.I.	2	0	2	0
S.C.	6	4	2	0
S.D.	1	0	1	0
Tenn.	9	4	5	0
Texas	32	21	11	0
Utah	3	2	1	0
VT.	1	0	0	1
Va.	11	8	3	0
*Wash.	9	2	6	0
W.Va.	3	1	2	0
Wis.	8	4	4	0
Wyo.	1	0	1	0
Total	435	228	199	1

\*State results incomplete

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coast to coast sailed to re-election, including former presidential hopeful Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio.

Also returned for a second House term was Rep. Katherine Harris, R-Fla., who was her state's secretary of state during the pivotal Florida recount during the 2000 presidential election.

Four candidates with congressional pedigrees triumphed. Democrat Daniel Lipinski won the Chicago seat held by his father, William, for 22 years; Democrat Dan Boren of Oklahoma, son of a former congressman, won a House seat; and Democrat Russ Carnahan, whose mother and grandfather were in Congress, won in Missouri. Republican Connie Mack, namesake son of the former senator, grabbed the Fort Myers, Fla., seat vacated by Porter Goss when he was chosen to head the CIA.

In addition, Republican Billy

Tauzin III faced a runoff for the Louisiana seat from which his father is stepping down.

Through both parties — and outside political groups — spent hundreds of millions of dollars on this year's House races, all but a mere three dozen were considered locked up in advance of Tuesday's balloting.

The lack of major change illustrated the rock-solid advantages held by many candidates — mostly incumbents — in fund raising and in districts drawn to favor one party or the other.

Hastert and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., both easily breezed to new terms. As usual, many House races revolved around local issues and personalities. To the degree that the presidential race and the war, terrorism, jobs or other national issues were prominent, they were generally shaded to regional tastes.

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## Calif. OKs stem cell money; mixed pot returns

BY DAVID CRARY  
The Associated Press

Californians voted Tuesday to spend \$3 billion on stem cell research, putting the state on the cutting edge of a field questioned by conservatives and the Bush administration. Arizonaans approved a crackdown on illegal immigrants, and 11 states from Georgia to Oregon adopted bans on same-sex marriage.

Elsewhere, Montana became the 10th state to legalize marijuana for medical purposes, but Alaskans defeated a more ambitious proposal to decriminalize pot altogether. In Oregon, voters rejected a measure that would have dramatically expanded its existing medical marijuana program.

Federal drug czar John Walters was heartened by the outcome in Alaska.

"This public health victory reaffirms the simple, inescapable fact that no family, no community, no state is better off with more drug use," he said.

In all, 163 measures were on the ballots in 34 states. Backers of California Proposition 71, which will support human embryonic stem cell research, said the measure was needed because the Bush administration has restricted funding to about \$25 million a year. The campaign became a battle of Hollywood stars after actor-turned-governor Arnold



Robert Klein, chairman of YES on Proposition 71, the stem cell research initiative, celebrates with Tessa Wick, left, and her mother, Lucy Fisher, in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Proposition 71 will create a new state medical research institute that will give out grants and loans for stem cell research in California.

Schwarzenegger broke Republican ranks to line up in support with late "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve and "Family Ties" actor Michael J. Fox.

Actor and director Mel Gibson

was among high-profile foes of the measure.

The Arizona immigration initiative — the first of its kind in the nation — was touted by supporters as a way to curtail fraud by requiring

people to produce proof of immigration status when obtaining certain government services. It would punish state workers who looked the other way, and require proof of citizenship to register to vote.

Arizona is the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexico border, and spends millions annually to provide food stamps, welfare and other social services to illegal immigrants.

Floridians and Nevadans voted to raise their states' minimum wage to \$6.15 an hour, a dollar higher than the federal minimum wage. The new Nevada wage will apply only to employers who do not offer health insurance.

Florida voters also approved a measure limiting the privacy rights of girls seeking abortions, meaning the Legislature can now pass a law requiring parents to be notified. Lawmakers had been stymied in efforts to pass such a law by court rulings that say they violated the privacy provision of the state constitution.

Colorado defeated a measure which would have allocated its electoral votes proportionally, based on the popular vote for president, and would have applied to this year's race.

Voters in Maine and South Dakota both declined opportunities to lower taxes. South Dakotans defeated a bid to scrap the sales tax on groceries, while a measure to cap property taxes lost in Maine after opponents said it would force

layoffs of teachers and firefighters.

In Washington, voters rejected a penny-on-the-dollar sales-tax increase to raise money for education, turning down a well-financed appeal for greater investment in the state's young people.

Voters in Colorado, Oklahoma and Montana approved hikes in tobacco taxes, with most of the new revenue earmarked for health care. In Alaska and Maine, voters defeated proposals to ban the use of bait while hunting bears.

Oklahoma voters approved a state lottery, leaving only nine states without one.

In Florida, doctors prevailed with an amendment limiting the percentage of malpractice awards that lawyers can claim. But attorneys won amendments to give the public more information about doctors' mistakes and to take away the licenses of doctors who make several medical errors.

In Wyoming, voters rejected a proposed amendment that would have let lawmakers consider limiting jury awards for pain and suffering, while Nevada voters approved a physician-backed initiative that would impose a \$350,000 cap on non-economic damages in malpractice cases.

Californians turned aside a proposition that would have weakened the state's three-strikes law by allowing 25 years-to-life sentences only if third-time felons were convicted of a serious or violent crime.

## Same-sex marriage ban amendments pass in 11 states

BY LARRY MCSHANE  
The Associated Press

Gay rights activists received a rebuke from the Deep South to North Dakota as voters in 11 states approved constitutional amendments to ban same-sex marriage in a clean sweep for proponents of traditional one-man, one-woman unions.

"The results just go to show that the citizens — clearly understanding the value of natural marriage," said Christina Rondeau, director of the North Dakota Family Alliance, a group that supported the amendment.

The margin Tuesday in North Dakota was 3-1 in favor — the same as in Georgia and Kentucky as the proposal passed in all 11 states where it was on the ballot. The margin was 6-1 in Mississippi, where the amendment was also approved in Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma and Utah.

The issue was put on the ballot in six states through petition drives waged by conservative, church-backed citizens groups. But support of the amendment appeared widespread; in Ohio, it received equal support from men and women, blacks and whites.

Gay-rights activists quickly raised the possibility of court challenges in Georgia and Mississippi, although supporters predicted the new laws would hold up.

"Will there be a challenge? Prob-



Same-sex couple Taylor West, left, and Ann Hubbard react to early results on Measure 36 on Tuesday in Portland, Ore. The Portland couple were married in Oregon March 4 after being together for 15 years. But Oregonians appeared to be leaning toward approving a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage on Tuesday, disappointing gay rights groups that had pinned their hopes on the state.

ably, probably," said Monte Stewart of the pro-amendment "Yes on Three Coalition" in Utah. "Will it succeed? No."

The most disappointing outcome for gay activists was in Oregon, where supporters of same-sex marriage felt they had the best chance of success.

For gay rights groups, the one-sided results, while disheartening, were optimistically seen as just one strike in an ongoing fight.

The votes will become "a blip in

the longer term historic view," said Karl Olson, executive director of the gay-rights group PRIDE in Montana. "Our constitution isn't going to be able to sustain this kind of restriction on civil rights."

The proposed amendments in Mississippi, Montana and Oregon referred only to marriage, specifying that it should be limited to unions of one man and one woman. The measures in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma

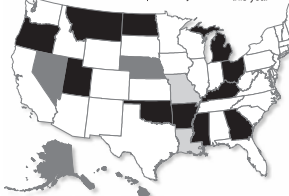
## ELECTION 2004

## Same-sex marriage bans approved

Eleven states approved amendments on their Nov. 2 ballots prohibiting same-sex marriage. Same-sex marriage was not legal in the states where the issue was on the ballot, but amendment supporters wanted to guard against future court rulings.

## State constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage

■ Voted to enact Nov. 2    ■ Adopted in previous years    ■ Adopted this year



and Utah called for a ban on civil unions as well.

Earlier this year, voters in Missouri and Louisiana came out in favor of gay marriage ban amendments. Louisiana's amendment was later struck down in state court on the grounds that it improperly dealt with more than one subject by banning not only

same-sex marriage but also any legal recognition of common-law relationships, domestic partnerships and civil unions.

Gay-rights activists intend to press marriage-rights lawsuits in states like California and New Jersey, where they believe the high courts might eventually rule in their favor.



## ELECTION 2004

## State-by-state roundup of contests

A nine-page wrap-up of key races and results across the nation

## Northeast



The following is a state-by-state wrap-up of key races in the Northeast. The states included in this region are: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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## CONNECTICUT

**PRESIDENT (7)** — Kerry by nearly 10 percentage points.

**SENATE** — Democrat incumbent Chris Dodd skated past GOP challenger Jack Orchulli.

**HOUSE** — Remains 3R, 2D. Two Republican incumbents, Chris Shays and Rob Simmons, beat out challengers Diane Farrell and Jim Sullivan.

**EXIT POLL** — More than half of voters said they opposed the Iraq war, and nine in 10 of those voted for Kerry.

## DELAWARE

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Kerry won as many voters cast ballots in opposition to Bush rather than supporting the Massachusetts senator.

**GOVERNOR** — Incumbent Ruth Ann Minner won a second term against Republican Bill Lee after last-minute blitz of negative campaign ads.

**HOUSE** — 1R, Republican

Michael Castle coasted to success with support from Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

**EXIT POLL** — Kerry got a boost from voters who said they were casting ballots against Bush.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**PRESIDENT (3)** — No surprise here: Kerry won handily in a city as Democratic as Wyoming is Republican.

**HOUSE** — Remains 1D, Eleanor Holmes Norton, a Democrat, captured an eighth term as shadow delegate who can vote in committee but not on the House floor. Norton has been a big proponent of D.C. statehood.

**OTHER** — Former Mayor Marion Barry resuscitated his political career yet again, winning a seat to city council. Barry was once caught smoking crack on an FBI videotape.

**EXIT POLL** — Seven of 10 voters said they were worried about another terrorist attack in the U.S. Nine of 10 voters cast ballots for Kerry.



Former Washington Mayor Marion Barry takes a call on his cell phone Tuesday night. Barry, who was once videotaped by the FBI smoking crack and spent time in jail, resuscitated his political career Tuesday when residents of one of the District of Columbia's poorest sections picked Barry to be their new councilman.



Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., left, gives his acceptance speech as longtime supporter Frank DiPaolo cheers him on during a celebration in Johnston on Tuesday night. Kennedy beat Republican opponent Dave Rogers for his sixth term representing a state that voted overwhelmingly Democratic.

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## MAINE

**PRESIDENT (4)** — Kerry defeated Bush, ending speculation the president could pick off one electoral vote in the north. The state allows votes to be split by congressional district.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2D. A day for incumbents: In the 1st District, Democratic Rep. Tom Allen beat GOP challenger Charlie Summers. In the 2nd, freshman Democratic Rep. Michael Michaud defeated Brian Hamel.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Maineres rejected an initiative to cap property taxes at 1 percent of assessed value. Sportsmen led a successful campaign to defeat a ban on using bait, hounds and traps to hunt bears.

**EXIT POLL** — Voters surveyed listed Iraq as their top issue and expressed a need for change. Maineres were divided on whether the country's safer from terrorism.

## MARYLAND

**PRESIDENT (10)** — With a double-digit lead in a Democratic safe state, Kerry breezed to victory.

**SENATE** — Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski easily survived challenge from millionaire state Sen. E.J. Pipkin, then celebrated by saying, "We are a blue state. We are neon blue. We are cobalt blue. We are blue in the face."

**HOUSE** — 6D, 2R. Rep. Steny Hoyer, No. 2 ranking Democrat in the House, and seven other incumbents coasted. None dipped below 60 percent of the vote.

**EXIT POLL** — About three-quarters of voters who said they were financially better off than they were four years ago cast ballots for Bush. Those worse off tended to vote for Kerry.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**PRESIDENT (12)** — Kerry easily captured his home state, winning by a wide margin.

**HOUSE** — 10D. Voters re-

turned all Democratic incumbents to Capitol Hill, including Rep. James McGovern, who defeated a GOP leader of the anti-gay marriage movement in Massachusetts.

**LEGISLATURE** — Republicans lost three legislative seats in the most fiercely contested elections in a decade.

**EXIT POLL** — Six of 10 voters disapproved of the president's decision to go to war in Iraq; those voters overwhelmingly supported Kerry.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**PRESIDENT (4)** — Kerry became the first Democrat since Woodrow Wilson in 1912 to beat a sitting Republican president in New Hampshire. Four college towns accounted for about 80 per-

cent of Kerry's narrow margin statewide.

**SENATE** — GOP Sen. Judd Gregg won 2 to 1 against 94-year-old Doris "Granny D" Haddock, scrappy but underfunded advocate for campaign-finance reform.

**GOVERNOR** — Democrats bucked the historical trend again as John Lynch denied an incumbent governor a second term for the first time since 1926. He unseated Republican Craig Benson after attacking him during the campaign as a failed business leader.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R. Five-term GOP Rep. Charles Bass breezed past Democrat Paul Hodes, coming close even in Hodes' hometown of Concord.

**EXIT POLL** — Anger over the war in Iraq turned the vote for Kerry.



U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., hugs his mother, Selma Schumer, during his victory party in New York on Tuesday. The senator easily defeated Republican Howard Mills and Conservative Marilyn O'Grady in his bid for a second term.

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U.S. Rep. Rob Simmons, R-Conn., waves his sport jacket following his victory over Democratic nominee Jim Sullivan in Mystic, Conn. Simmons won his second term as representative of Connecticut's 2nd District.

## NEW JERSEY

**PRESIDENT (15)** — What close race? Kerry wins state decisively.

**HOUSE** — Remains 7D, 6R. Republican Rep. Mike Ferguson gets third term in 7th District, defeating former Marine Steve Brozak, despite Brozak's high profile gained by speaking slot at the Democratic National Convention and prominent boosters such as former New Jersey U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Residents upset about high property taxes in towns of Verona and Cedar Grove voted to secede from Essex County. Such a move requires approval by the state Legislature, which even township officials say is extremely unlikely.

**EXIT POLL** — Opposition to the Iraq war, and dismay over its course, key to Kerry win.

## NEW YORK

**PRESIDENT (31)** — Kerry prevailed in state that has five Democraticans for every three Republicans.

**SENATE** — Democrat Charles Schumer, with \$26 million war chest, easily triumphed over Republican Howard Mills and Conservative Marilyn O'Grady in bid for second term.

**HOUSE** — 19D, 10R. Two Republicans — Jack Quinn and Amo Houghton — retired, and Democrat Brian Higgins and Republican Nancy Naples duelled for Quinn's seat, though the race was too close to declare a winner Wednesday.

**EXIT POLL** — Roman Catholics, a group that made up two-fifths of the voters in New York, split evenly between Bush and Kerry, and white Catholics supported Bush three to two. Eight in 10 Jewish voters chose Kerry.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**PRESIDENT (21)** — Kerry took the Keystone State by 2 percentage points, Al Gore took the state by 4.2 points in 2000.

**SENATE** — Moderate Republican Sen. Arlen Specter defeated

Democratic Rep. Joe Hoeffel to secure a fifth term; he's likely to chair Senate Judiciary Committee, with authority to help reshape Supreme Court as justices retire.

**HOUSE** — Remains 12R, 7D. Republican freshman Rep. Jim Gerlach and Democrat Lois Murphy were deadlocked; incumbent parties held onto remaining seats, including the one Hoeffel left to run for Senate.

**OTHER** — State Auditor General Robert P. Casey Jr., son of the late former governor, was elected treasurer while eyeing a second run for governor — possibly in 2010.

**EXIT POLL** — Fence-sitters who made up their mind in the last month favored Kerry by a sizable margin.

## RHODE ISLAND

**PRESIDENT (4)** — Kerry, strongly.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2D. Voters overwhelmingly sent Democratic Reps. Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin to subsequent terms in Washington. Kennedy was elected to a sixth term, Langevin a third.



Republican Gov. James Douglas kisses his wife, Dorothy, to celebrate his victory in Montpelier, Vt. Douglas defeated Democratic challenger Peter Clavelle, mayor of Burlington.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Ballot measure to authorize a constitutional convention was defeated.

**EXIT POLL** — About seven in 10 voters said they made up their minds more than a month ago about which candidate to choose for president.

## VERMONT

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Kerry an easy victor in a state that has backed Democrats by no fewer than 10 points in past three elections.

**SENATE** — Democrat Patrick Leahy, 30-year Senate veteran, sailed to victory over challenger Jack McMullen.

**GOVERNOR** — Republican incumbent James Douglas never lost a steady lead over Democrat Peter Clavelle, mayor of Burlington.

**HOUSE** — Remains 1 Ind. Rep. Bernie Sanders, House's only independent, won easy re-election.

**EXIT POLL** — First state with same-sex civil unions is getting to like them. State was split in 2000; now less than a quarter opposed and nearly half support same-sex marriage.



Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, a Democrat, beat opponent Bill Lee after a last-minute blitz of negative campaign ads.



Supporters greet U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and his wife, Joan, at his election-night headquarters in Philadelphia. Specter defeated Democratic challenger Rep. Joe Hoeffel.

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## South



The states included in this region are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

## ALABAMA

**PRESIDENT (9)** — Bush won by 26 percentage points, despite Democrats' bid to rally voters for Kerry.

**SENATE** — GOP Sen. Richard Shelby easily claimed a fourth term, marking his 10th straight election to congressional or state office in three decades.

**HOUSE** — Current: SR, 2D. All incumbents won, including first-term Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, who sought re-election in a district Democrats had hoped to capture.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters were divided over a measure to repeal segregation-era language from the state constitution. The measure, which remained undecided early Wednesday, drew criticism from opponents who claimed it could trigger a court order to increase public school funding, risking a potential tax increase.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush won in every age range, including 18-to-24-year-old voters and more than two-thirds of those over 65.

## ARKANSAS

**PRESIDENT (6)** — Bush benefited from heavy conservative turnout for a major marriage amendment, winning by larger margin than his 2000 victory over Al Gore.



Senatorial candidate Rep. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., center, reacts with Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., right, and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue as he speaks during an election night rally Tuesday in Atlanta. Isakson defeated Rep. Denise Majette, D-Ga., for the U.S. Senate.

**SENATE** — Dennis Lincoln won second term, easily surviving bid by state Sen. Jim Holt, who called liberal federal judges a greater threat to the nation than terrorists.

**HOUSE** — Remains 3D, 1R. Incumbents coasted.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Anti-gay marriage approved by 3-1 margin. Voters also gave Legislature permission to OK incentives for large businesses wanting to invest in state.

**EXIT POLL** — Voters who believe the nation is safer from terrorism now than in 2000 went for Bush by a 9-1 margin.

## FLORIDA

**PRESIDENT (27)** — President Bush claimed victory in the nation's top battleground state, four years after it took a 36-day recount and U.S. Supreme Court decision to settle the battle of Florida.

**SENATE** — Republican Mel Martinez defeated Democrat Betty Castor in a tight race to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Graham. Castor conceded Wednesday morning. Martinez would be state's first Hispanic senator. Castor is second female senator.

**HOUSE** — 18R, 7D. Republican Rep. Katherine Harris, vilified by Democrats while she served as secretary of state during 2000 recount, won in rematch with Sarasota attorney Jan Schneider.



Kentucky Democratic Senate candidate Daniel Mongiardo holds his niece Anika Thacker while shaking the hands of supporters after giving his concession speech at a hotel in downtown Lexington, Tuesday. Incumbent Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., won a narrow victory over Mongiardo.

Republican Connie Mack IV, son of the ex-senator, took seat given up by new CIA director Porter Goss.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters approved a \$1-an-hour hike in the state minimum wage and approved an initiative to limit privacy rights of girls under age 18, so that law could be changed to require parental notice if minors seek abortions.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly eight in 10 voters picked their candidate more than a month ago. Kerry got a strong majority from people who made up their minds over the last month.

## GEORGIA

**PRESIDENT (15)** — Bush trumped his 2000 margin of victory, getting 59 percent of the vote this time, compared to 55 percent then.

**SENATE** — "Cream always rises to the top," said retiring Sen. Zell Miller, a maverick Democrat, about his GOP replacement, Rep. Johnny Isakson. Denise Majette was trounced in her bid to become the state's first black senator.

**HOUSE** — Democratic newcomer John Barrow and Republican freshman Rep. Max Burre remained locked in a race too close to call.

Democrat Jim Marshall easily survived a GOP threat, while Democrat Cynthia McKinney clinched the seat she lost two years ago to Majette.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Opponents of the state's new constitutional ban on gay marriages vowed to take it to the courts after it passed by more than a 3-to-1 margin.

**EXIT POLL** — With touch-screen machines in every precinct, nine of 10 voters said they were confident their votes would be accurately counted.

## KENTUCKY

**PRESIDENT (8)** — Bush trounced Kerry, another big

Southern loss for the Massachusetts senator.

**SENATE** — GOP incumbent Jim Bunning won in a squeaker over Daniel Mongiardo, denying the Democrats a potential pickup in the Senate.

Bunning's odd behavior in the campaign's final days made it close.

**HOUSE** — Current, 4R, 2D; new SR, 1D. Republican businessman Geoff Davis picked up the seat of retiring Democrat Ken Lucas in conservative district. Davis beat Nick Clooney, father of actor George Clooney.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters approved amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions by 3-to-1 margin.

**OTHER** — Former Gov. Julian Carroll, a Democrat, made a return to politics with a state Senate win over the governor's brother, Republican Harold Fletcher.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly three-fourths of voters who described themselves as evangelical or born-again Christians backed Bush, and six in 10 supported Bunning.

## LOUISIANA

**PRESIDENT (9)** — Bush easily took the state that neighbors his native Texas.

**SENATE** — Rep. David Vitter won a slim majority and barely avoided a runoff, becoming the first Republican from Louisiana to serve in the Senate since Reconstruction.

**HOUSE** — Remains SR, 2D. Republican Bobby Jindal, who lost the governor's race last year, won to become the first Indian American in Congress. Republican Bill Taurin III advanced to Dec. 4 runoff for the seat vacated by his father. He'll face Democrat Charlie Melancon.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Amendment established constitutional right to hunt and fish.

**EXIT POLL** — Although women nationwide were more likely to vote for Kerry, Bush was

the choice of 60 percent of Louisiana's women.

## MISSISSIPPI

**PRESIDENT (6)** — Bush swept in a state that has gone Republican in every presidential election since 1980.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R, 2D. All four of Mississippi's incumbent congressmen won re-election, including Democrat Bennie Thompson, who faced a rematch against Republican Clinton LeSueur in a poor, primarily rural district stretching through the Delta.

**PROPOSITIONS** — A constitutional amendment banning gay marriage passed overwhelmingly, opponents plan a challenge in the courts.

**EXIT POLL** — Nine of 10 voters supported Bush's handling of the war in Iraq in a state that has 4,000 soldiers who have either served there or are preparing to



Maria Maniatakis of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., keeps her fingers crossed as she watches election returns in the ballroom at the Radisson Hotel in Jacksonville during a Democratic party's election night party on Tuesday.



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Louie Gohmert, R-Tyler, addresses supporters Tuesday, in Tyler, Texas, while his wife, Kathy, right, and daughter, Sarah, 15, look on. Gohmert, a former appeals court judge, defeated eight-year incumbent Max Sandlin.

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## NORTH CAROLINA

**PRESIDENT (15)** — Bush handily wins state traditionally in GOP column.

**SENATE** — Rep. Richard Burr won John Edwards' old seat, defeating former Clinton aide Erskine Bowles, who became a two-time loser after failing in the 2002 Senate race to Elizabeth Dole.

**GOVERNOR** — Incumbent Mike Easley won a second term, defeating GOP challenger Patrick Ballantine with a campaign that argued that Easley effectively led the state through tough fiscal times.

**HOUSE** — Remains 7R, 6D. For the third straight election, no seats changed party hands as Republican Charles Taylor won an eighth term, beating challenger Patsy Kever in western 11th District.

**EXIT POLL** — Republican appeals to moral and faith issues were effective; one quarter of Bush supporters said religious

faith was their most important presidential quality.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**PRESIDENT (8)** — Bush rolls with about 58 percent, a margin almost identical to his victory in 2000.

**SENATE** — Rep. Jim DeMint picked up an extra seat for the Republican Party despite a tough challenge from Democratic state Education Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum. Both hoped to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings.

**HOUSE** — Remains 4R, 2D. Republican Bob Inglis easily recaptured the 4th District seat, which he gave up six years ago. It came open when DeMint began his quest for Senate.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Ballot question lifting the requirement that bars and restaurants pour drinks from miniature bottles of liquor like those used on airlines was approved by a 3-2 margin.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush grabbed

support from about 21 percent of minority men but only from about 12 percent of minority women. The state's population is almost 30 percent black.

## TENNESSEE

**PRESIDENT (11)** — Blowout for Bush, who recaptured 2000 rival Al Gore's home state in 14-percent point landslide.

**HOUSE** — Remains 5D, 4R. All incumbents win another term. Democrat Lincoln Davis had the only serious race — a repeat of his 2002 victory over Tullahoma alderwoman Janice Bowling.

**EXIT POLL** — A third of Tennessee voters said "moral values" was the most important issue in choosing a president. Of those voters, nine of 10 chose Bush.

## TEXAS

**PRESIDENT (34)** — What'd you expect? Bush, former governor and favorite son of Crawford, claimed state and nation's second-largest trove of electoral votes.

**HOUSE** — 21R, 11D. After GOP-led redistricting, Chad Edwards was only one of five incumbent Democrats to win competitive races in Republican-tilted districts. Losers were Martin Frost, Max Sandlin, Nick Lampson and Charlie Stenholm.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters in Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers, approved a tax hike to pay half the \$650 million price tag for new Dallas Cowboys stadium.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed said they supported Bush's decision to invade Iraq. Bush also majority of the Hispanic vote, improving on his mark of four years ago.

## VIRGINIA

**PRESIDENT (13)** — It looked close early on, but Bush picked up the rural vote, allowing Republicans to keep alive their presiden-

crat Jim Moran holds onto seat despite comments perceived as anti-Semite.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters in state hit by Sept. 11 attackers backed constitutional amendment expanding list of successors to governor in event of an emergency.

**OTHER** — L. Douglas Wilder goes from first black elected governor in country's history to 1992 presidential candidate and now mayor of his hometown, Richmond. He beats the incumbent in a landslide.

**EXIT POLL** — Veterans in Virginia, home of several major military bases, went strongly for Bush, not the Vietnam-serving Kerry.

## WEST VIRGINIA

**PRESIDENT (5)** — Bush's 12 percentage-point win doubled his winning margin in 2000.

**GOVERNOR** — Democratic Secretary of State Joe Manchin received 64 percent of the vote to defeat Republican Monty Warner and Mountain Party candidate Jesse Johnson in three-way race. Gov. Bob Wise did not seek re-election.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2D, 1R. West Virginia's three House members, including lone GOP member Shelley Moore Capito, were re-elected.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Veterans who served in Kosovo, Afghanistan or Iraq to receive cash bonus.

**EXIT POLL** — Seven in 10 voters said someone in their household owns a gun, and more than three in five of them voted for Bush.



West Virginia Gov.-elect Joe Manchin makes a point during his announcement of his transition team at a news conference on Wednesday at the Radisson Hotel in Morgantown.



Libby Samford and other residents of Westminster, S.C., use touch-screen voting machines to cast their ballots on Tuesday, at the American Legion Post 107. This is the first election in South Carolina to use the machines, which replaced the old voting booths at the hall.



## ELECTION 2004

## Midwest



The states included in this region are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin.



**Illinois U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama, with wife Michelle, is only the fifth black U.S. Senator to be elected in history. He defeated Republican Alan Keyes in the nation's first Senate race with two black major-party candidates.**

## ILLINOIS

**PRESIDENT (21)** — Kerry, in a landslide.

**SENATE** — For the second time in 12 years, Illinois elected a black U.S. senator. Democrat Barack Obama easily bested Republican Alan Keyes in a race for seat of retiring GOP Sen. Peter Fitzgerald. Keyes moved from Maryland after a sex scandal forced primary winner Jack Ryan out.

**HOUSE** — Old: 10R, 9D. New: 10D, 9R. Phil Crane, 35-year veteran congressman and most senior Republican in the House, lost to Democratic businessman Melissa Bean, who argued that his long service didn't add up to clout in the House.

**EXIT POLL** — One-third of conservatives and four of 10 Republicans chose Obama over the staunchly conservative Keyes.

## INDIANA

**PRESIDENT (11)** — Bush rolled to easy victory in state that hasn't backed a Democrat for White House since Lyndon Johnson.

**SENATE** — Democratic incumbent Evan Bayh bested sociology professor Marvin Scott.

**GOVERNOR** — Former Bush budget director Mitch Daniels notched comfortable win over Democratic Gov. Joe Kernan, who took office last year upon death of Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

**HOUSE** — 6R, 3D before election. Race between GOP challenger Mike Sodrel and incumbent Democrat Baron Hill in 9th District too close to call early Wednesday. Hill win would maintain the pre-election party breakdown.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Ballot question passed that ensures homes, equipment can be exempted from property taxes.

**EXIT POLL** — Voters maintained their reputation as ticket splitters; nearly a fifth of Bush backers crossed over to vote for Kernan while a smaller number of Kerry supporters voted for Daniels.

## IOWA

**PRESIDENT (7)** — With a batch of absentee ballots still not returned and less than a percentage point separating the candidates, the presidential race in Iowa remained too close to call.

**SENATE** — Sen. Charles Grassley, head of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, easily won re-election.

**HOUSE** — Remains 4R, 1D. All five incumbents were re-elected, including Rep. Leonard Boswell, who survived a second challenge from Des Moines attorney Stan Thompson.

**EXIT POLL** — Voters who thought the war in Iraq was most important chose Kerry. Those who thought the war on terrorism as the top issue picked Bush.

## KANSAS

**PRESIDENT (6)** — Bush victory in GOP stronghold never in doubt.

**SENATE** — Republican incumbent Sam Brownback built a 70 percent majority with help from liberals and Democrats who preferred him over Democratic railroad engineer Lee Jones.

**HOUSE** — Remains 3R, 1D. Rep. Dennis Moore defeated conservative Republican Kris Kobach to win a fourth term with his widest margin yet.

**PROPOSITIONS** — A proposed bistate sales tax to benefit the arts as well as renovations of two professional sports stadiums in Kansas City, Mo., was soundly defeated in two counties on the Kansas side of the metropolitan area.



AP photos

**Democratic Rep. Dennis Moore leads the crowd in a chorus of "This Land Is Your Land" at his victory rally Tuesday in Overland Park, Kan. Moore beat Republican challenger Kris Kobach in the Kansas 3rd District race.**

**EXIT POLL** — Bush supplemented his solid support from majority Republicans with about one of every six votes cast by Democrats, who make up less than one-third of Kansas voters.

## MICHIGAN

**PRESIDENT (17)** — Kerry grabbed this state where disappearing manufacturing jobs have been a top concern.

**HOUSE** — Current: 9R, 6D. Former state Sen. John "Joe" Schwarz won Michigan's only open seat.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Michigan voters approved an amendment to the state constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Another new amendment requires new gambling venues to get voter approval.

**EXIT POLL** — Voters who considered the economy and jobs the top issue supported Kerry by about 4-1.

## MINNESOTA

**PRESIDENT (10)** — John Kerry dashed Republican hopes to claim the hotly contested state for the first time since 1972.

**HOUSE** — Remains 4R, 4D. Republican Mark Kennedy fended off unexpectedly strong challenge from Patty Wetterling, an advocate for missing children since her 11-year-old son was abducted in 1989.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly one in 10 Election Day voters said they made up their minds in the final three days of the campaign, and a majority of that bunch sided with Kerry.

## MISSOURI

**PRESIDENT (11)** — Bush won a state that has picked the winner in all but one election (1956) in the last century.

**SENATE** — Republican Sen. Kit Bond, also a former two-term governor, handily defeated Democratic State Treasurer Nancy Farmer.

**GOVERNOR** — Republican Secretary of State Matt Blunt narrowly beat State Auditor Claire McCaskill, who had ousted incumbent Bob Holden in Democratic primary.

**HOUSE** — Remains 5R, 4D.

Democrat Russ Carnahan, son of former Sen. Jean Carnahan and the late Gov. Mel Carnahan, won the seat of retiring Rep. Dick Gephardt.

**OTHER** — Another Carnahan, Russ's sister Robin, won a bid for secretary of state.

**EXIT POLL** — Asked which one issue mattered most, a quarter of Missourians cited "moral values." And nearly nine in 10 of those voters favored Bush.



SPRINGFIELD (Mo.) NEWS-LEADER/AP

**Republican Matt Blunt, Missouri governor-elect, addresses the crowd gathered in Springfield. Blunt rode an overwhelming wave of rural support to defeat Democratic State Auditor Claire McCaskill.**

## ELECTION 2004

## NEBRASKA

**PRESIDENT (5)** — Bush, unsurprisingly. Since 1964, Nebraska has backed Republicans every time.

**HOUSE** — 2R, 1 vacant. Republican Jeff Fortenberry will replace Republican Rep. Doug Bereuter, who left in his 13th term to become head of the Asia Foundation.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters rejected legislative proposal allowing two casinos anywhere in the state; also considering another proposal to allow two casinos in Omaha, and 4,900 video poker and slot machines around state. The latter proposal was too close to call early Wednesday.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush did well among voters who live in small cities and rural areas, where half of those polled in Nebraska live. Kerry fared nearly as well as Bush with voters from urban areas.

## NORTH DAKOTA

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Bush rolls up bigger margin than against Al Gore in 2000. Only three Democratic presidential candidates — Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson — have ever carried the state.

**SENATE** — On the flip side, the state hasn't sent a Republican to Congress since 1986. Sen. Byron Dorgan is the state's toughest Democrat, easily winning third term.

**GOVERNOR** — Republican incumbent John Hoeven increased his victory margin in winning a second term.

**HOUSE** — Remains 1D. Democratic Rep. Earl Pomeroy, who has a history of tight races, handily defeated a former Navy submarine officer for his seventh term.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters overwhelmingly approved constitutional amendment against same-sex marriages and civil unions.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly eight of 10 voters said their finances were same or better than four years



AP photos

Senator-elect John Thune and wife Kim, right, shake hands with supporters at their Republican headquarters Wednesday in Sioux Falls, S.D. Thune defeated incumbent Democrat Tom Daschle, above. Daschle, the minority leader, waves goodbye after thanking friends and supporters Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

ago; most of those supported Bush.

## OHIO

**PRESIDENT (20)** — The new Florida. The race for the presidency hinged on Ohio's 20 electoral votes as officials began counting thousands of absentee and provisional ballots. Kerry conceded before noon Wednesday.

**SENATE** — In a race that wasn't close at all, Republican Sen. George Voinovich won a second term by defeating Democratic state Sen. Eric Fingerhut.

**HOUSE** — Remains 6D, 12R. All 18 incumbents, including first-termers Mike Turner, a Republican, and Tim Ryan, a Democrat, easily won re-election.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters approved an amendment banning same-sex marriage or any status that "intends to approximate marriage." In Cincinnati, voters threw out a ban on gay rights laws, the only one in the nation.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush did better than expected among women, splitting the vote with Kerry — a surprise given that Democrats had fared well among women in the past. Married women supported the president at an even higher rate.

## OKLAHOMA

**PRESIDENT (7)** — Bush cruised to victory by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in a state that has not supported a Democratic candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

**SENATE** — Obstetrician Tom Coburn won the race to replace retiring Republican Don Nickles, defeating Democratic Rep. Brad Carson. Coburn spent part of the campaign defending himself against allegations he sterilized a woman without her permission, which he denied.

**HOUSE** — 4R, 1D. Democratic state Rep. Dan Boren trounced a little-known opponent in the race for Carson's seat.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, as well as creating a statewide lottery and increasing the cigarette tax. They also passed a measure giving the state some authority over Indian casinos — and a share of profits.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush's coattails helped Coburn in his Senate race; eight out of 10 Bush supporters also backed Coburn.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Bush an easy winner.

**SENATE** — Republican John Thune elected to Senate over Democrat Tom Daschle in South Dakota, the first time in 52 years a party leader is defeated.

**HOUSE** — Remains 1D. Stephanie Herseth re-elected after taking a June 1 special election to fill seat vacated by former Gov. Bill Janklow after he was convicted of manslaughter in car crash.



WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL/AP

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., is greeted by Christian Fraser, as she enters her re-election victory party Tuesday in Madison.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters rejected an effort to repeal sales tax on food.

**EXIT POLL** — Thune had a strong showing with voters concerned with moral values and terrorism.

## WISCONSIN

**PRESIDENT (10)** — Kerry pocketed a pivotal state that the president lost by just 5,708 votes in 2000.

**SENATE** — Incumbent Democrat Russ Feingold soundly defeated GOP challenger Tim Michels, capturing his third term.

**HOUSE** — Remains 4R, 4D. Democratic U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, the only lesbian in Congress, won re-election. State Sen. Gwen Moore became the first black House member elected from Wisconsin.

**EXIT POLL** — Half of all Wisconsin voters called the state's economy good; about 40 percent said it was "not so good."

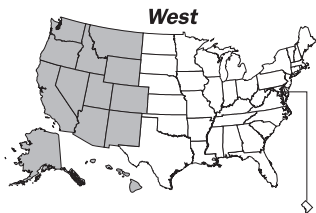


Dr. Tom Coburn, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Oklahoma, waves to the crowd as wife Carolyn applauds, following his victory speech Tuesday in Oklahoma City.



Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, holds granddaughter Jane after giving a victory speech Tuesday in Cleveland. At left is Voinovich's wife, Janet.

## ELECTION 2004



The states included in this region are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.



Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., right, raises her arms Tuesday with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., left, at an Election Day celebration in San Francisco. Boxer won her bid for re-election against former Secretary of State Bill Jones, R-Calif.

## ALASKA

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Bush easily took a state that has gone Republican for the last 40 years.

**SENATE** — Republican Lisa Murkowski earned a term in the Senate in her own right, defeating popular former Gov. Tony Knowles and overcoming the commotion that arose when her father, the governor, appointed her to fill his Senate term.

**HOUSE** — Remains: 1R. Incumbent Don Young, who calls himself the "congressman for all Alaskans," won a 17th term.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Alaskans rejected a measure to legalize and tax the sales of marijuana. Another measure fueled by the Murkowski controversy to eliminate appointments to fill Senate vacancies was trailing in the polls.

**EXIT POLL** — A quarter of voters said they had served in the military. They voted for Bush by nearly 3 to 1.

## ARIZONA

**PRESIDENT (10)** — Bush racked up double-digit win.

**SENATE** — Popular Republican Sen. John McCain, seeking a fourth term, drew broad support across political and demographic lines; he edged out Stuart Starkey among Democrats and grabbed a majority of support from independents.

**HOUSE** — 6R, 2D. Incumbent Republican Congressman Rick Renzi soundly defeated Democrat

Paul Babbitt, brother of former Interior Secretary and ex-Gov. Bruce Babbitt, for a seat targeted by both parties in expensive, nasty campaign.

Party breakdown remains the same.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Ignoring opposition from state officials, voters passed measure requiring proof of citizenship for voter registration, and proof of legal immigration to obtain certain government services.

**EXIT POLL** — Two in five Kerry supporters characterized their votes as anti-Bush; four in five ignored McCain's support for Bush in making their choice.

## CALIFORNIA

**PRESIDENT (55)** — John Kerry claimed the nation's largest haul of electoral votes.

**SENATE** — Democrat Barbara Boxer sailed to a third term, easily outpolling Republican challenger Bill Jones.

**HOUSE** — 33D, 20R. California's heavily Democratic congressional delegation was set to return to Washington with two new faces among its 53 members. Republican Dan Lungren won a Sacramento-area seat, and Democrat Jim Costa will fill the seat now held by retiring Democratic Rep. Cal Dooley.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters rejected two expensive casino gambling initiatives, but approved sale of \$3 billion in bonds to pay for embryonic stem cell research.



AP photos

Senator-elect Ken Salazar, D-Colo., flashes a thumbs-up Tuesday to his supporters after his opponent, beer magnate Pete Coors conceded the election in Denver.

Measure to roll back "three strikes" sentencing law was too close to call.

**EXIT POLL** — Four in 10 voters earning more than \$150,000 chose Kerry, despite his promises to roll back a tax cut.

## COLORADO

**PRESIDENT (9)** — Bush enjoyed a comfortable margin of victory despite late visits by John Kerry to the state where he was born.

**SENATE** — State Attorney General Ken Salazar gave Democrats a pickup in a solidly Republican state, sliding by Republican beer executive Peter Coors in a tight race. Salazar becomes the first Hispanic senator in more than a quarter-century.

**HOUSE** — 4R, 2D with a final race outstanding. Salazar's brother, Democrat John Salazar, was neck-in-neck with Republican Greg Walcher in the one race for an open seat.

All six incumbents — four Republicans and two Democrats — won easily.

**PROPOSITIONS** — The closely watched referendum over whether to split Colorado's electoral votes based on the popular vote was soundly rejected. Voters



approved a 64-cent state cigarette tax to fund health and education programs.

**EXIT POLL** — Women in Colo-

rado were split evenly between Kerry and Bush; nationally, women overwhelmingly supported Kerry.



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and his wife Cindy, acknowledge the crowd at McCain's victory party Tuesday in Phoenix. McCain defeated Democratic challenger Stu Starkey for his sixth term.

## ELECTION 2004



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Hawaii 1st District Republican congressional candidate Dalton Tanonaka and his wife, Yoko, watch as early results Tuesday show him trailing incumbent Democrat Neil Abercrombie in Honolulu. Abercrombie won.

## HAWAII

**PRESIDENT (4)** — Tight race at the end, but Kerry pulled off victory in a state that's gone Democratic in every election but two since gaining statehood. Islands briefly became battleground at campaign's end after polls showed tight race.

**SENATE** — Veteran Sen. Daniel Inouye, 80, won a lopsided race against Republican Cam Cavasso, a former state legislator.

**HOUSE** — 2D Reps. Neil Abercrombie and Ed Case breezed to re-election.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Four con-

stitutional amendments on ballot, all relating to crime and criminal prosecution, won approval. State attorney general and the Honolulu prosecutor backed them; opponents had said they would infringe on civil rights.

**EXIT POLL** — One in four voters strongly approved the U.S. decision to go to war with Iraq and nearly all of them voted for the incumbent. Of the 35 percent of voters who strongly disapproved of the decision, nearly all went to Kerry.

## IDAHO

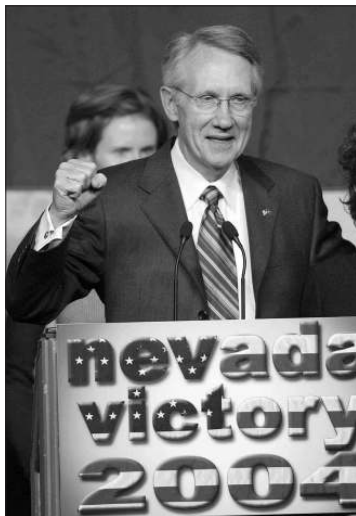
**PRESIDENT (4)** — Bush won

nearly 70 percent of the vote, one of the highest totals in the heavy Republican state's history.

**SENATE** — GOP incumbent Michael Crapo raised \$2 million — and spent over a third of it — to fend off an anemic write-in challenge. Crapo got more than 99 percent of the vote.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R. Underfunded Democrats offered little resistance to Michael Simpson and Butch Otter, who plans a bid for governor in two years.

**EXIT POLL** — Eight in 10 Idaho voters made up their minds about the presidential race a month or more before the polls opened, and seven of 10 had set-



Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., celebrates his re-election Tuesday in Las Vegas. Reid easily defeated Republican challenger Richard Ziser.

led on Bush.

## MONTANA

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Bush an easy winner.

**GOVERNOR** — Democrat Brian Schweitzer, who campaigned as an outsider promising bipartisan rule, scored a firm victory over Republican Secretary of State Bob Brown for office GOP has held for 16 years. Schweitzer made history by running with a Republican lieutenant governor.

**HOUSE** — 1R Rep. Denny Rehberg by a mile over Democratic challenger Tracy Velazquez.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters turned down mining industry-backed initiative to overturn a ban on using cyanide in mining operations.

Voters approved a constitutional ban on gay marriage and legalized medical marijuana.

**EXIT POLL** — Schweitzer, who supports importing less-expensive prescription drugs from Canada, received nearly two-thirds of the vote among those ages 60 and over.

## NEVADA

**PRESIDENT (5)** — Defying early exit polls showing slight Kerry lead, Bush won by a 50-48 margin. Bush won the state by 3.5 percent in 2000.

**SENATE** — Democratic Sen. Harry Reid, the Senate minority whip, was an easy winner over Republican challenger Richard Ziser.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R. 1D. First-term Republican Rep. Jon Porter withstood a challenge from former casino executive Tom Gallagher.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Nevadans voted to raise the minimum wage and to give more protections to doctors from medical malpractice lawsuits.

They also made education a top state budget priority.

**EXIT POLLS** — Exit polls showed Kerry leading by a narrow margin.

Kerry got a large share of first-time voters and led in Las Vegas, but trailed in Republican-heavy Reno and more conservative rural areas.

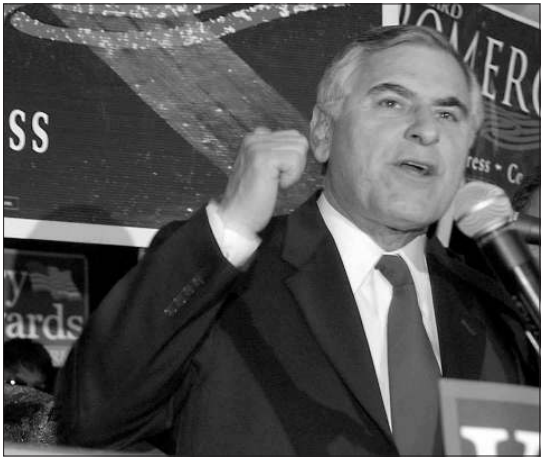
## NEW MEXICO

**PRESIDENT (5)** — Bush and Kerry were locked in an extremely tight race with Bush about 3,600 votes ahead. Nearly 30,000 absentee and provisional ballots remained uncounted.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R. 1D. Closest race was a repeat of 2002, with Republican Rep. Heather Wilson retaining her seat by withstanding a challenge from Democrat Richard Romero.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters agreed to allow runoffs in city elections where no candidate wins a majority or some other threshold percentage of the balloting.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush gained more Hispanic votes than he did in 2000, with about two in five Hispanics supported him. Other minorities, including American Indians, backed Kerry 2 to 1.



State Sen. Richard Romero speaks Tuesday to supporters at the New Mexico Democratic postelection gathering held in Albuquerque. Romero lost his bid to unseat Republican Rep. Heather Wilson.



## ELECTION 2004



Democratic incumbent Sen. Ron Wyden cheers for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry on Tuesday after remarking during the Democratic Party of Oregon election party in Portland, Ore. Wyden defeated GOP challenger Al King.

AP photos

## OREGON

**PRESIDENT (7)** — Kerry prevailed in state's all-mail balloting system.

**SENATE** — Heavily favored Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden easily won re-election, defeating little-known Republican newcomer Al King.

**HOUSE** — 4D, 1R. Rep. David Wu trounced Republican Goli Ameri, who attacked Wu in television ads, citing an October newspaper report that Wu tried to force a girlfriend to have sex in the 1970s.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters overwhelmingly adopted a constitutional amendment that bans gay marriage.

**EXIT POLL** — Nearly two of every three women surveyed cast their ballots for Kerry. Hispanics supported the Democratic candidate by a 4-to-1 margin.

## UTAH

**PRESIDENT (5)** — Bush's win was a foregone conclusion.

**SENATE** — Another safe win for the GOP: two-term incumbent Bob Bennett coasted to a huge victory over Democrat Paul Van Dan, a former attorney general.

**GOVERNOR** — In a battle of household names, Republican Jon Huntsman Jr., trade official under President Bush and heir to a chemical fortune, defeated Scott Matheson, son of Utah's last Democratic governor.

**HOUSE** — Remains 2R, 1D. Matheson's brother, Rep. Jim Matheson, held onto his seat despite a barrage of negative 11th hour campaigning by his opponent, John Swallow. The race was a rematch of 2002.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

**OTHER** — Democrat Peter Corroon barely won the Salt Lake City mayor race, beating a replacement candidate for who only got on the Republican ballot when incumbent Nancy Workman quit amid felony charges of misusing public money.

**EXIT POLL** — Eight out of 10 Mormons went for Bush.

more than \$100,000 a year voted for Bush.

## WYOMING

**PRESIDENT (3)** — Vice President Dick Cheney's home state gives Bush a landslide.

**HOUSE** — 1R. Republican Bar-



Republican Jon Huntsman Jr., right, is hugged by his father, Jon Huntsman Sr., after winning Utah's governorship Tuesday.

bars Cubin beat political newcomer Ted Ladd for sixth term as Wyoming's lone representative.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters rejected constitutional amendment to allow Legislature to put caps on medical malpractice damage awards.

**EXIT POLL** — Bush performed strongly among those who said they had a favorable opinion of Cheney, while Kerry had strong support among those who have an unfavorable opinion of Cheney. About two-thirds of Wyoming voters said they had a favorable opinion of Cheney.

## WASHINGTON

**PRESIDENT (11)** — Kerry claimed a comfortable triumph in a state that no Republican has won in 20 years.

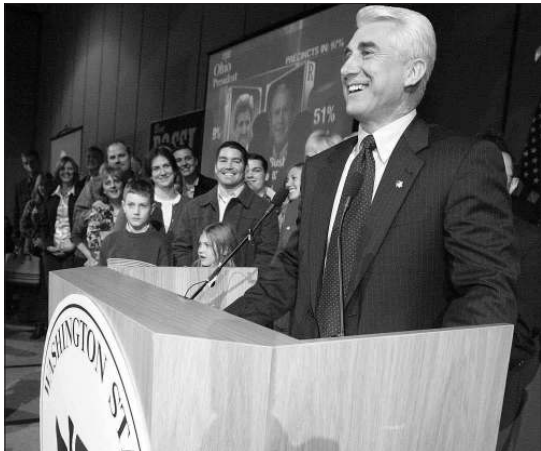
**SENATE** — Democratic Sen. Patty Murray thrashed GOP challenger George Nethercutt after divisive, expensive campaign.

**GOVERNOR** — Attorney General Christine Gregoire led Dino Rossi, Republican businessman and former state senator, by just 32 votes at one point early Wednesday with hundreds of thousands of absentee votes outstanding in race to succeed Democratic Gov. Gary Locke.

**HOUSE** — 6D, 3R. In a tight race for the open 8th, Republican Dave Reichert, the sheriff who hunted down the Green River Killer, led radio talk show host Dave Ross.

**PROPOSITIONS** — Voters adopted a Louisiana-style primary system that would send the top two vote-getters to the general election regardless of party.

**EXIT POLL** — Washington's wealthiest residents backed Kerry by wide margins, while nationally most people earning



King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, Republican candidate for Washington state's 8th District House seat, greets supporters Tuesday at the King County (Wash.) Republican election-night headquarters in Bellevue, Wash. Reichert is leading radio talk show host Dave Ross in the race.

## Gifts for U.S. Iraq vets

The city of Wiesbaden, Germany — home of the 1st Armored Division — has donated a slew of tickets and coupons for area attractions and events to Old Ironsides soldiers returning from Iraq.

Gift certificates include everything from tickets to the local ballet and shows "Queen" and "Irish Soul" to coupons for visits to area health spas.

The mayor of Wiesbaden, Hildebrand Diehl, who presented the gifts last week, said they were intended to help welcome the soldiers back to Germany and to help the soldiers settle back into the community, according to an Army announcement.

Army officials say the tickets will be distributed through the division's community relations department.

## Cocaine conviction

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — An airman assigned to the 31st Operations Support Squadron was found guilty of cocaine use in a court-martial last week.

Airman 1st Class Raymond Landis was sentenced to a reduction in rank to E-1, four months of confinement and a bad-conduct discharge. He had also been charged with larceny and unlawful entry, but those charges were dismissed in a pretrial agreement.

Lewis is the sixth airman at Aviano to be court-martialed as a result of a drug sting last December. A dozen airmen were initially under suspicion and several more are awaiting trials.

From staff reports

# DODDS looks to more technology

*"This is not to say that books will go out of fashion."*

*... We can use technology as a tool."*

**Dr. Joe Tafaya**  
Department of Defense  
Education Activity director

BY JESSICA INIGO  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Military children will be learning at the speed of light in the DODDS classrooms of the future, according to school officials.

During an interview Tuesday in Wiesbaden, Dr. Joe Tafaya, the Department of Defense Education Activity director, explained how technology would be taking over many traditional classrooms. Tafaya, whose headquarters office is in Arlington, Va., was attending the Department of Defense Dependents Schools' principals conference in Wiesbaden.

Tafaya said more technology will be entering DODDS classrooms. He sees paperless classrooms, where even the textbooks are no longer bound volumes, but slim CD-ROMs, and children each have their own computer terminals to work from.

"This is not to say that books will go out of fashion," Tafaya



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

Dr. Joe Tafaya, Department of Defense Education Activity director, reviews the sessions available at the principals conference in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Tuesday. Tafaya spoke to the principals about new school initiatives and programs. The conference ends Friday.

said.

"We can use technology as a tool."

Tafaya, who said small computer stations currently cost about \$500 to set up, added he doesn't

see this total turn to technology in DODDS classrooms for 10 to 15 years.

While at the weeklong conference, which ends Friday, Tafaya found out what European principals are doing well and some of the issues they have.

The conference includes training sessions, updates on proposals and networking with colleagues not often seen because of the vast distances between Department of Defense schools.

Some of the conference's initiatives this year focus on fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders and a middle school study to ensure children in these grades are working off the same material, he said.

"We've put a lot of time and money into high schools and early childhood reading programs," said Tafaya, explaining why more emphasis was needed now on the middle grades.

Going along with the technology theme, this year's conference is paperless, Tafaya said. Principals are using computers and mobile data sticks during sessions and can use the data sticks to copy any information they want to keep.

During his weeklong visit to Europe, Tafaya also spoke at the assistant principals conference last week, also held in Wiesbaden, and then attended several DODDS sports events.

DODEA operates 222 public schools in 15 districts in 13 foreign countries, seven states, Guam and Puerto Rico, according to its Web site. All schools within DODEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies.

Children of enlisted military personnel represent 85 percent of the total enrollment in DODEA schools.

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# Contractor abducted from Baghdad home

## U.S. soldier killed, another injured by roadside bomb south of capital

BY MARIAM FAM  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen abducted a Lebanese-American contractor who worked with the U.S. Army from his Baghdad home, Iraqi officials said Wednesday, while four Jordanian truck drivers were seized by assailants in a separate kidnapping.

Radin Sadeq, a Lebanese-American contractor with a mobile phone company, was snatched by gunmen when he answered the door of his home in Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood overnight, Lt. Col. Maan Khalaf said.

It was the second abduction this week in upscale Mansour, where many foreign companies are based. On Monday, gunmen stormed the two-story compound of a Saudi company, abducting six people, including an American, a Nepalese, a Filipino and three Iraqis, after a bloody gun battle that left an Iraqi guard and one of attacker dead.

One U.S. soldier was killed and another injured when a roadside bomb exploded near Salman Pak, about 12 miles southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

A suicide car bomber detonated an explosion at an airport checkpoint in Baghdad, injuring nine people, hospital and U.S. officials said.

Gunmen also killed an Oil Ministry official, Hussein Ali al-Fattal, in a drive-by shooting as he was on his way to work, the ministry said.



American soldiers walk past a vehicle damaged in a car bomb explosion Wednesday at a checkpoint at the entrance of Baghdad International Airport.

In the southern holy city of Najaf, attackers fired a mortar round at an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint, injuring two guardsmen, said Lt. Haidar Hussein. Iraqi security forces sealed off the area to search for the assailants, he added.

It was the first major incident since a peace agreement in August ended three weeks of fighting

between Muqtada al-Sadr's al-Mahdi Army and U.S. and Iraqi troops.

Jordan said Wednesday that four Jordanian drivers have been kidnapped in Iraq and two others were shot at by unknown assailants.

Jordanian spokeswoman Asma Khader declined to provide details on the abducted Jordanians

but said her government has taken up the matter with visiting Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Alawi.

She said the two other Jordanians came under fire in the Ramadi area in central Iraq — a Muslim Sunni militant stronghold.

More than 160 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime fell in April last year. Some kidnapping groups seek ransom, while others pursue political motives such as the withdrawal of foreign companies and troops from Iraq.

Kidnappers have killed about 30 hostages.

Meanwhile, the kidnappers of aid worker Margaret Hassan are threatening to hand her over to al-Qaida-linked militants notorious for beheading hostages unless Britain agrees within 48 hours to pull its troops from Iraq, an Arabic television station reports.

The threat to Hassan, the Iraq director for CARE International, was made in a videotape received by al-Jazeera television but not broadcast in its entirety because the station said it was "too graphic." Instead, it transmitted a segment Tuesday night showing a hooded gunman but without sound. The newscaster said the kidnappers gave Britain 48 hours to meet their demands, "primarily the withdrawal" of British troops.

On Tuesday, insurgents blew up an oil pipeline and an oil well in northern Iraq in a pair of attacks that shut down oil exports from the north, probably for the next 10 days, Iraqi oil officials said.

A huge explosion rocked the compound of Ghabaza oil field, 22 miles southwest of Kirkuk, late Tuesday night.

Earlier in the day, attackers blew up an oil pipeline in northern Iraq.

Early Wednesday, U.S. Marine warplanes hit an insurgent command post in Fallujah in a precision airstrike, the U.S. military said.

Late Tuesday, a known weapons cache site in the southeastern part of the city was also destroyed, according to a statement.

In the past 12 hours, Iraqi and U.S. forces have been conducting "coordinated offensive operations in and around the Fallujah-Ramadi area," the U.S. command said.

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# Maupins held out hope through uncertainty

## Family refuses to accept grainy execution footage; Army's search goes on

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

Carolyn Maupin prays that out of sight doesn't mean out of mind for her soldier son, taken hostage in Iraq this spring.

Despite rumors that Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin might have been shot to death by insurgents, the Army assumes the Batavia, Ohio, family that troops in Iraq continue their search for the captured 20-year-old truck driver and Army Reservist.

Keith Maupin believes his son was not executed.

"My son is alive. I just know it," Spc. Maupin, with the 724th Transportation Company, disappeared April 9 after an attack on his fuel convoy. On June 29, hours after U.S. officials turned over sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government, al-Jazeera reported that Maupin had been shot in the head. The station did not broadcast a video it said it had showing the death.

According to an Associated Press story in June, the Arab television network aired a video showing a blindfolded man sitting on the ground and identified as Maupin by a statement issued with the footage. Al-Jazeera said that the next scene, gunmen shoot the man in the back of the head, in front of a hole dug in the

ground.

U.S. military officials and Maupin's father have seen still photographs taken from that video and cannot confirm the man shown being shot is Maupin.

Maj. Willie Harris, a spokesman for the Army's Reserve 88th Regional Readiness Command, the transportation

company's parent command in Fort Snelling, Minn., said the photographs he saw were of poor quality and the hostage's face was not visible.

"I did see still pictures of the alleged shooting, but the man was not discernible in the photos. It appeared to be a male with a blindfold kneeling down and he was seen from the back. I could not see his face."

The video footage was grainy and the hostage's face was not identifiable, according to Jihad Ballout, an al-Jazeera spokesman. "It was really obscure and we could not identify the person in the video," he said from the station's headquarters in Doha, Qatar.

Army officials won't discuss the search for Maupin, who on April 23 was officially classified as captured.

"We don't want to do anything

or say anything ... that may hinder any type of investigation or send the wrong messages to anyone who has him," Harris said.

The lack of communication by Maupin's hostage-takers might be by design, said Chris Hellman military policy analyst at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation in Washington.

"If they know the U.S. policy is to not negotiate at all with hos-

tage-takers, why do they take hostages? To sow fear and uncertainty in their adversary," Hellman said.

"Knowing the status of a person, be it dead or alive, is more reassuring to colleagues than not knowing. If your enemy is capable of disappearing you at their convenience and doing with you what they want, and leaving others guessing, wouldn't that be unsettling to you?"

"You don't sleep and you spend a lot of time looking over your shoulder," he said.

And to some degree, hostage-taking in Iraq has become a business," said Allen Keiswetter, a scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington, and former deputy assistant deputy secretary at the State Department for Near East Affairs in 2000 and 2001.

"Some people who take hostages contract them out to other organizations for money. They may have sold him for some reward to another organization," said

Keiswetter, who is not familiar with the specifics of Maupin case and was speaking generally.

Updates about their son trickle into the homes of Spc. Maupin's parents, a dearth of information that now leaves the family to rely on hope and prayers.

"There really isn't anything new, and there hasn't been for a while now," Carolyn Maupin, 57, said. "He is still listed 'captured, whereabouts unknown' and all I know is that they are looking. [Army officials] guarantee me they are looking, but to what depth, I don't know."

"They are looking. I honestly do believe that. I feel that."

Keith Maupin said his days are marked "by highs and lows."

"The lows are when I think he'd been shot. And sometimes visits from Army officials. Their visits, with no news, [are] like a roller coaster."

The Maupins say what used to be near-daily visits from a casualty assistance officer in April and then in June, when reports of the videotape surface, have become sporadic visits or phone calls on no set schedule in which officials simply say they still are looking.

"They're looking for him. Plain and simple," Keith Maupin, 54, said. The specialist's younger brother, Kent, is a Marine lance corporal who is not deployed. He has two older half-siblings, Leann and Steve Spencer.

In part to cope with grief, Keith Maupin runs the family's support center that sells ribbon-shaped



Courtesy of the Maupin family

A poster of Spc. Keith "Matt" Maupin is posted "almost everywhere they will let us put one up," according to Matt's dad, Keith Maupin.

magnets in support of the troops for a "suggested \$5 donation." Proceeds go to buy and ship care packages to deployed troops. Troops can e-mail wish list to [K.maupin@yahoo.com](mailto:K.maupin@yahoo.com).

Keith Maupin, himself a former Marine, did not try to talk his sons out of military life. "I never talked to the boys about it. I didn't try to discourage it. I taught them to make their own decisions."

His son's role in Iraq makes him proud.

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"In my heart, he's alive, and wondering why they haven't come and got him yet. That's what I think. They need, have to, bring him home."

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## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, at least 1,122 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 860 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Tuesday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Tuesday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 70 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 984 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 751 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 8,287 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

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## Hungary to withdraw

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary will withdraw its 300 non-combat troops from Iraq by the end of March, the country's new prime minister said Wednesday, contending that staying longer would be an "impossibility."

"We are obliged to stay there until the [Iraqi] elections. To stay longer is an impossibility," Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany said at a ceremony to mark the end of mandatory military service in Hungary.

The former communist country, which joined the European Union in May, sent the troops as part of the U.S.-led coalition. But

the government has been under mounting pressure from citizens and opposition parties who object to the soldiers' presence.

Recent polls had shown that around 60 percent of Hungarians wanted the government to withdraw the country's troops from Iraq immediately.

The announcement was a huge symbolic blow to President Bush, who has struggled to keep the U.S.-led multinational force from unraveling since Spain pulled out its 1,300 troops no earlier this year.

There were no immediate signs Wednesday that other coalition members were considering pulling out their troops.

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# Plea deal set in latest Abu Ghraib case

BY JOSH WHITE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A soldier who was a military police officer at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq has pleaded guilty to a charge of dereliction of duty, accepting responsibility for not preventing or reporting detainee abuses at the hands of other U.S. soldiers in her company, according to her civilian lawyer and military officials in Iraq.

Megan Ambuhl, 30, of Centerville, Va., entered her plea on Saturday morning in Baghdad as part of a deal with prosecutors, who agreed to drop charges of conspiracy, maltreatment of detainees and indecent acts. In a summary court-martial — which spared her the possibility of a lengthy prison term — Ambuhl

was sentenced to a reduction in rank from specialist to private and was ordered to forfeit half of one month's pay, a military spokesman in Iraq said today.

Ambuhl became the third soldier from the 372nd MP Company to plead guilty to charges connected with the scandal that broke in April after numerous photographs of detainee abuse surfaced publicly. One soldier received a year in prison and another, a supervisor, received eight years.



Ambuhl

According to investigative documents, Ambuhl was the least involved in the abuse of the seven soldiers who have been charged so far. She was accused in large part of watching abusive acts and failing to report them.

Harvey Volzer, Ambuhl's Washington-based civilian attorney, said today that his client witnessed some abusive acts on Tier 1 of the prison but did not report them because her superiors were involved and military intelligence soldiers appeared to be sanctioning the acts.

Volzer said Ambuhl regrets not doing something to stop the abuses and shows remorse.

"I think we all came to the conclusion that my client didn't hit or kick a detainee or anything like that," Volzer said, "But everyone had a duty to protect the detain-

ees, and even if this was authorized from above, in some instances it went too far."

According to investigative documents, Ambuhl was present when some humiliating sexual abuses occurred in the prison's most secure wing, including episodes when soldiers placed naked and hooded detainees into a pyramid and then posed with them for photographs. She also is partially viewed in a photograph that showed Pfc. Lynndee R. England holding a leash attached to a naked detainee's neck.

Ambuhl was praised by several detainees for treating them well, and in at least one instance she came to the aid of a detainee who was having trouble breathing after being punched in the chest by another soldier, the documents showed.

Volzer said Ambuhl's punishment is appropriate because of her limited involvement, but he said he is dismayed by the lack of accountability for higher-ranking officials who he says condoned the abusive treatment.

"My position is that if people order you to do things, and you do what they said, and as a result you're punished, the people who gave the orders should also be punished," Volzer said.

"Since the orders came down from the White House, someone has to bear responsibility for it."

Volzer said Ambuhl is prepared to testify at other military legal proceedings. Additional courts-martial for those involved in the abuses are scheduled to begin early next year.

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## Militant group claims it killed Iraqi Army officer

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A militant Muslim group claimed on Wednesday to have beheaded an Iraqi Army officer that they captured in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul. Arabic TV station Al-Jazeera also broadcast a tape in which a previously unknown group claimed to have beheaded three Iraqi National Guards.

The group, Ansar al-Sunnah Army, posted a statement and showed a video on their Web site where they decapitated a man they identified as Maj. Hussein Shanoun. It was impossible to verify the claim's authenticity.

The statement about Shanoun labeled him an "apostate" and said he took part — by American orders — in attacks against insurgents in the Mosul. They claimed to have investigated him and that he "confessed."

The group claimed to have captured him in Mosul, located about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, but don't say when or how.

The Iraqi military could not be reached for immediate comment.

The U.S. military in Mosul said it was checking on the claim.

In the video on the Internet, the hostage was shown sitting in front of two hooded and armed men. He made a brief statement, mentioning his name and squad and warning army and police soldiers against "dealing with the infidel troops."

One of the militants repeated the same warning and vowed to "cut the hands and poke the eyes of the enemy."

Shanoun was then shown blindfolded, his hands bound behind his back and his mouth covered before one of the militants beheaded him.

In the video aired on al-Jazeera, the Brigades of Iraq's Honorable — a previously unheard of group — said it killed three Iraqi National Guards, accusing the men of "spying" for the American troops, Al-Jazeera reported.

The tape carried confessions of the three men who said they took part in raids and arrests against insurgents.

The broadcast only showed three men holding up what appeared to be army identification cards sitting in front of a hooded man who read a statement.

## Blair urges Fallujah insurgents to lay down arms

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday urged insurgents in the Iraqi city of Fallujah to lay down their arms and participate in peaceful elections.

American forces are preparing for a major offensive against Fallujah and other Sunni militant strongholds north and west of Baghdad in hopes of curbing the insurgency ahead of national elections in January. Labour Party lawmaker Alice Mahon asked Blair to assure the House of Commons that British troops would not take part in the offensive.

## Body of beheaded Japanese man arrives home

TOKYO — The body of a 24-year-old Japanese backpacker beheaded by militants in Iraq arrived home Wednesday, as his father said he was "filled with unbearable emotion" at the death of his son.

Shosei Koda was killed by militants after Tokyo rejected their demands to pull Japanese troops out of Iraq.

His corpse, which was discovered in an insurgent-infested neighborhood of Baghdad four days ago, arrived at the international airport in Osaka on Wednesday, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Akira Chiba.

From The Associated Press

## IN THE STATES



Snow-covered trees line a street in Amarillo, Texas, after a snowstorm Tuesday. Wet snow blanketed parts of Texas, closing roads and cutting power to thousands. The heaviest accumulation was more than a foot in the Lubbock area.

# Snowstorm wreaks havoc in Texas

Thousands in Lubbock area without power after getting more than a foot of snow

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Wet snow blanketed parts of Texas, closing roads and cutting power to thousands.

The heaviest accumulation Tuesday was more than a foot in the Lubbock area, where the storm closed at least four roads and left 10,000 to 15,000 homes without electricity. The Texas Panhandle saw as many as 8 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

"The snow is extremely wet and heavy, and it came with bad wind," National Weather Service meteorologist Shawn Ellis said.

Many of the outages came when wind gusts up to 45 mph caused tree limbs to break and knock out power lines, Ellis said.

Three shelters were opened in Lubbock after authorities for elderly people stranded in their homes without power, said Lubbock County Judge Tom Head. The number of people in those shelters was not immediately

available.

Power was not expected to be restored until Wednesday afternoon, Head said.

Lubbock itself received only 3 inches, but Dimmitt, to the north, reported 13 inches and had snowdrifts up to 8 feet high.

Muleshoe received 10 inches with drifts as high as 6 feet.

The Texas Department of Transportation said several roads were closed.

In Oklahoma, more than 2 inches of snow in the state's Panhan-

dle caused about 100 electric poles to collapse, resulting in the loss of power to about 5,000 customers Monday night, said Roy Smothermon, spokesman for the Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Electricity was restored to all but about 500 customers in Adams and Optima by Tuesday afternoon.

The storm was expected to delay the cotton harvest in the region, said Roger Haldenby, vice president of Plains Cotton Growers Inc.

## Four-alarm fire engulfs Maryland courthouse

Blaze started on roof of century-old building

By DERRILL HOLLY  
The Associated Press

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — A wind-blown fire extensively damaged the Prince George's County courthouse Wednesday, gutting a large section of the 19th-century building that was undergoing renovations.

Two floors of the three-story red brick structure, the old section of the courthouse complex, were destroyed, and the roof was burned. By late morning, when the fire was largely under control, the building's signature dome-shaped cupola still stood, but was badly charred.

The four-alarm fire began on the roof of the building about 8:30 a.m., said Prince George's Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department spokesman Chauncey Bowers.

"This is one of the worst fires that we've had, and it's particularly bad due to the history of this building," he said.

At least 100 firefighters battled the blaze, struggling with high wind, Bowers said.

As thick black smoke billowed from the courthouse, firefighters began pulling sections of the building's facade down to reach pockets of flames in the interior walls.

"This is really a tragedy," said County Executive Jack Johnson, adding that the county had spent \$27 million on the building's renovation. He said it had not been determined whether it would be deemed a total loss.

The old courthouse is connected to a modern wing by a series of corridors. Officials were trying to determine Wednesday whether the newer sections of the buildings had been damaged, Johnson said.

Authorities said they did not believe anyone had been hurt.

## Convict in stabbing, beating executed in Texas

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A former laborer, condemned for the stabbing and beating of a 70-year-old Houston man, has become the 19th prison inmate put to death in Texas this year.

Lorenzo Morris, asked by the warden if he had a final statement Tuesday, responded, "No."

He closed his eyes as the lethal drugs began to flow. Morris' eyelids twitched as he took one deep breath and spittered twice before being pronounced dead six minutes later at 6:13 p.m. CST.

## Man sentenced for Amtrak bomb threats

MADISON, Wis. — A man unhappy with the food service on Amtrak was sentenced to nearly four years in prison for making calls from his cell phone saying there was a bomb on the train he was riding.

"I apologize for the actions that I did and I'm sorry," Michael Conn, 35, of Anchorage, Alaska, told U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb before she sentenced him Tuesday. He was also ordered to pay more than \$28,000 to Amtrak to cover its costs.

Conn had pleaded guilty in August to making the threats July 6, saying he was angry at being served food that contained hot peppers. He said they caused an allergic reaction.

From The Associated Press

## Time Warner sets aside \$500 million legal reserve for transaction inquiry

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Time Warner said Wednesday that it is setting aside a \$500 million legal reserve because of pending government investigations and will restate its accounting for its stake in AOL Europe prior to 2002.

The accounting at the company's America Online has been the subject of a continuing investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which found problems with the way AOL accounted for certain transactions.

Time Warner Inc., the world's largest media company, said that following a review, it concluded that it should have included the earnings figures from AOL Europe in its overall results after March 2000. That was when it entered an agreement with the German media company Bertelsmann under which it later acquired Bertelsmann's 80 percent interest in AOL Europe.

As a result, Time Warner will restate its consolidated earnings for 2000, 2001, and possibly 2002. The company said it was con-

tinuing to cooperate with the SEC and also with investigators at the Department of Justice, and that it was possible that it may have to make other financial restatements later.

The announcement came as the company reported its third-quarter earnings.

For the three months ending Sept. 30, the company had net earnings of \$499 million, or 11 cents per share, compared with \$541 million, or 12 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenues rose to \$9.97 billion from \$9.50 billion.

# Chicago museum recalls Cambodia's genocide

By MELANIE COFFEY

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — For years, Leon Lim didn't want to talk about what he saw in the Killing Fields of Cambodia. He wanted to focus on his new life in America, not the torture endured under the Khmer Rouge and the loved ones lost.

Now, Lim and fellow survivors have a forum for helping heal their emotional scars, for preserving their past, for educating others of the atrocities that can be perpetrated by an unbridled communist regime. That place is Chicago's new Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, which the project's organizers say is the only public memorial in the United States that honors victims of the Khmer Rouge.

"About 2 million people died — and it's just too much," said Lim, a former refugee camp medic.

Dary Mien's starkest memory is being 6 years old and walking through rice fields littered with bodies. "The Cambodian community has just been so silent about its pain. But when it comes to this museum, that reminds them of their sense of culture, identity — and perhaps there's a way for us to connect better with each other," said Mien, associate director of the Cambodian Association of Illinois.

The association developed the museum and memorial, which opened last month, as a healing mechanism.

The museum is filled with items donated by survivors of the Killing Fields — everything from shackles used by the Khmer Rouge to Lim's medical equipment to decades-old books of Buddhist teachings made with pressed palm leaves.



Leon Lim looks at names of people who died under the Khmer Rouge regime that are etched on glass panels of the Killing Fields Memorial on Wednesday at Chicago's Cambodian American Heritage Museum. Lim, who was in the Killing Fields of Cambodia, worked as a medic in a refugee camp and hopes to pass on his story to teach others about his life in Cambodia through the memorial.

The glass memorial consists of 80 panes, each at least six feet tall, that represent those who died when the Khmer Rouge ruled in the late 1970s. Names of the dead are etched into the panes in the Khmer language.

A lotus flower is carved into the memorial's center wall along with the words: "We continue our journey with compassion, understanding and wisdom."

The names of nearly two dozen of Lim's family and friends are among those engraved in the glass.

"When you have the name of a loved one etched on the glass panel, it makes you feel like they're with you," Lim said. "It helps you to heal your wounds from the past. It becomes a place for the community to come together to unify and say let's move on."

Many in the Cambodian community, though, didn't want the memorial built at first, organizers said.

"We are trying to bring up the past that speaks about a genocide that some feel should be forgotten," Mien said. "Their

concern was that, 'I don't want to hear about it because it brings up such pain, and it'll cause the community to be chaotic again.'"

It took patience and persistence, but the Cambodian Americans began to support the museum, said Kompha Seth, the association's founder. "You can see the healing of the project, but the process to get here was painful," Seth said. He believes building the museum has pushed more people to talk about the Khmer Rouge.

The Cambodian communist group began a large-scale insurgency in 1970 and overthrew the Cambodian government five years later. It evacuated cities, closed schools and factories, and forced the population into labor camps, where hundreds of thousands died from starvation, disease, overwork and execution.

Lim was a medical student in the capital of Phnom Penh at the time. On April 17, 1975, he was forced from his home and into a labor camp, where he stayed until 1979. Then the Vietnamese invaded, essentially ending Khmer Rouge rule. Lim, his wife and her family walked for six weeks to the border of Thailand, and Lim spent the next three years in refugee camps working as a medic.

The family moved to the United States in 1981, and Lim now teaches at Northside College Preparatory High School.

"I just want people to be aware of our history and our story — that there were other genocides other than the Holocaust and Rwanda," said Lim's 23-year-old daughter, Thea, who helped do research for the memorial. "I want them to know how much they struggled in the Killing Fields — and here they are, standing tall and together again. And they survived."

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## Bungled rescue

**MI** WARREN — A man trying to stop a robbery at a gasoline station ended up smashing a plate glass window, wrecking his car and calling police on the wrong man. The suspect escaped, minus a shoe, and remains at large.

Michael Lonsway, 43, had pulled into a Shell station in Warren, a suburb of Detroit, when he saw a man run inside and dart behind the counter. Seconds later, an employee stepped back toward a window, hands held high.

Lonsway said he pulled his sedan within a few feet of the entrance, hoping to surprise the robber upon exit.

As the robber climbed across the hood of Lonsway's car, the vehicle plowed through a window, shattering the glass and knocking over merchandise.

The impact knocked off one of the robber's shoes and a fake pistol from his hand.

The robber fled, and Lonsway chased him. He says he thought he saw the robber drive off in a Cadillac and called police on his mobile phone. It was someone else.

Authorities have a description of the robber and are pursuing leads.

Police say they don't advise people to follow Lonsway's example.

## Death suit settled

**FL** MIAMI — The state has agreed to pay \$1.45 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the mother of a teenager who died in agony from a burst appendix in a juvenile jail.

Cherry Williams sued the state and Miami Children's Hospital for \$25 million over the death last year of her son, 17-year-old Omar Paisley, alleging jail employees and nurses ignored his desperate pleas for help for three days before he died.

The hospital, which was under contract to provide nurses at the jail, also agreed to settle but did not disclose the terms.

The death prompted a shake-up in the Department of Juvenile Justice and the departure of nearly two dozen employees, including the agency's secretary and the jail's superintendent. Two nurses have been charged with manslaughter and murder.

## Student still missing

**PA** STATE COLLEGE — Police are no closer to finding Penn State student Cindy Song now than they were when she disappeared three years ago.

Song, 21, from South Korea, was last seen outside her apartment early on Nov. 1, 2001, after attending a Halloween party.

Leads are drying up, and many of Song's friends who had given information to police have left the area in the years since her death.

At the height of the investigation, state police had five or six troopers working on the case. Now, two troopers do "routine updates," said state police Capt. Joseph Holmberg, who last spoke to Song's family eight months ago.

A year ago, the lead investigator in the case, Ferguson Township Detective Brian Sprinkle, said he had obtained "absolutely the best lead yet" while probing the possible involvement of convicted bank rob-



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ber Hugo Selenski in the woman's disappearance.

But Song was not among five sets of remains unearthed from the backyard of Selenski's Luzerne County home last year, and Selenski has not been charged in her death.

## Residents return home

**WV** HUNTINGTON — Most of the 2,000 people forced to evacuate after a 22,000-gallon railroad tanker leaked chemicals into a creek and sewer system have been permitted to return home.

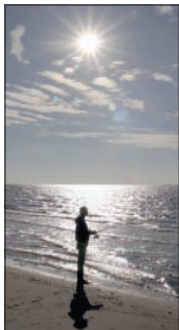
The leak in Huntington, a small city near the Ohio border, prompted initial fears that the concentrated vapors could explode.

Emergency crews have so far removed about 42,000 gallons of contaminated material and are no longer concerned about an explosion.

At least 80 percent of the affected area had tested free of benzene, a chemical contained in the spilled oil that can cause dizziness, drowsiness and unconsciousness when inhaled, said Rudy Raynes of the state's Regional Response Team.

## Ramadan banners flying

**CA** SAN DIEGO — Banners celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan were again flying from a neighborhood's light posts, a week after the city removed them in a dispute that drew protests and claims of hypocrisy.



## Casting out to sea

Tom Schuck is silhouetted against the setting sun's reflection on the water as he fishes in the Delaware Bay in Fortescue, N.J.

Abdur-Rahim Hameed said he cried with joy when he saw the 2-by-6-foot banners, which have been raised annually for six years.

"It was just like 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas,'" he said.

Hameed was among several entrepreneurs in the Diamond Business Improvement District who objected when a city code enforcement officer ordered the removal of the banners, which say Ramadan Mubarak, or Blessed Ramadan, around a star and crescent moon.

It was somewhat unclear why the 16 banners were taken down.

## Girl survives day in car

**NY** NEW YORK — A 4-year-old girl survived four days in a parked sport utility vehicle with the body of her slain mother, police said Friday.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities were investigating the apparent mishandling of a 911 call that could have led to the rescue of Rosie Batista a day earlier.

The little girl, who had been strapped into a child's seat, was hospitalized for dehydration and was in stable condition Friday.

Leonardo Almonte, 32, was arrested Friday on charges of kidnapping and reckless endangerment charges. Police said he lived with the child's mother, Cesarina Colon, 32, but was not Rosie's father.

Investigators said they believe Almonte killed Colon by throwing her to the floor and choking her during an argument Saturday at their Queens home. He allegedly dumped her body in the passenger seat of a SUV, placed the child in the back seat and drove to a remote street about a mile away.

A security camera at a nearby business recorded Almonte parking the vehicle early Sunday, police said. A coat had been thrown over Colon's head.

## Student death accidental

**CO** COLORADO SPRINGS — A Colorado College student who fell to her death from a fourth-floor dorm window was "acutely intoxicated" but had no illegal drugs in her system, the El Paso County coroner said.

Toxicology tests show Amanda Morrison, 20, of Clifton Park in Saratoga County, N.Y., had a blood-alcohol level of 0.22 percent. The legal blood-alcohol level for driving in Colorado is .08 percent.

Morrison's roommate told police they had smoked marijuana and drank for up to 2½ hours Oct. 21 before Morrison lost her balance on the dorm window. Police said they found empty liquor bottles, marijuana and prescription drugs in the room. The coroner found no illegal drugs in Morrison's system and ruled the death accidental.

## Rockets incinerated

**AL** ANNISTON — The Army said it has incinerated the last of more than 42,000 sarin-filled rockets stored in dirt-covered bunkers at Anniston Army Depot. A chemical weapons incinerator will now be used to destroy thousands more aging Cold War-era agents and gases stockpiled there.



## Still cleaning up

John Danila, of Big Dog's Tree Service in Ormand Beach, Fla., cuts down a

wayward pine tree damaged in recent hurricanes.



## Nothing but blue skies

Pilot Eddie Andreini flies his Boeing Stearman over the crowd at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Calif., during the Western Air and Space Show.



## Changing seasons

Fall leaves frame a student crossing the snow-covered campus of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.





**51 shopping days left** A city worker decorates one of about 60 palm trees with Christmas lights in Tavares, Fla.



**Waiting for a ride** Austin Middle School student Donovan Andrews, 13, finds shelter from blowing wind and snow as he waits for a ride after school in Amarillo, Texas. The first winter storm of the season rolled across the panhandle this week with rain, sleet, snow and windchills in the teens.



**Stormy weather** A cloud approaches the Arkansas River as a storm moves into Fort Smith, Ark., from eastern Oklahoma.

## Body found in plant

**ID** COEUR D'ALENE — The crushed body of a homeless man was found between layers of compacted cardboard at recycling plant.

Police have identified the 42-year-old man but are withholding his name until his family can be notified. Investigators believe his death was accidental, Sgt. Christie Wood said. The body was found Friday in a 40-foot pile of crushed cardboard at Bluebird Recycling, which uses a compactor truck to service recycling bins between Hayden and Coeur d'Alene.

## Radioactive gauge found

**VA** RICHMOND — A measuring device containing radioactive material was found in a coastal Virginia pawnshop almost two weeks after it was stolen from a truck while the driver shopped. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is investigating how the gauge was secured before the theft, spokesman Neil Sheehan said. "It either has to be under surveillance or has to be locked up. Neither was occurring," he said.

Pawn shop owner Mitchell Dunbar said he paid \$30 for the footlong shielding container but didn't know what to make of it at first. He said he only learned from a TV news report that the device was stolen and contained radioactive material.

Dunbar said he gave authorities information on the seller. The company owning the device could face NRC fines for failing to secure the device.

## News program canceled

**CA** WESTMINSTER — A Vietnamese television station in southern California canceled a news program after it briefly aired images of the communist Vietnamese flag and Ho Chi Minh, the founder of communist Vietnam.

Executives at Saigon TV canceled "Vietnamese American Xposure," a weekly half-hour English-language program, and issued a public apology after dozens of angry viewers complained about the flag and photos.

Michael Nguyen, head of Saigon TV, said it is considered unacceptable to show images of Ho or the communist flag in Vietnamese media in the United States because they can be offensive to Vietnamese refugees.

Saigon TV is privately owned and broadcast statewide.

Nguyen said he did not see the news segment before it was aired by a non-Vietnamese technician who was unaware of the significance of the images.

The segment was about protests that erupted in 1999 when a video store owner in Orange County's "Little Saigon" community, home to the largest concentration of Vietnamese outside of Vietnam, hung the flag and a poster of Ho in his shop.

## Truck driver convicted

**KS** WICHITA — A jury convicted a truck driver of killing and decapitating a housekeeper nearly a dozen years after he was mistakenly freed in a rape case due to mislabeled evidence.

Douglas S. Belt, 42, was convicted of capital murder, attempted rape and aggravated arson for the slaying of 43-year-old Lucille Gallegos. Belt faces a possible death

sentence when the trial's penalty phase begins.

Prosecutors said Belt had a pattern of violent behavior that began in the late 1980s and ended with Gallegos' slaying in the Wichita apartment where she worked in June 2002.

Last year, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation admitted that Belt was mistakenly cleared of a 1991 rape when another person's DNA sample was accidentally labeled with his name in an agency lab. His own sample had been labeled "unknown."

The mistake was discovered after Belt's arrest for the housekeeper's death when a DNA sample matched the blood evidence from the 1991 case, as well as several other rape cases. Bureau director Larry Welch later apologized, saying the mistake allowed Belt "to remain free and to continue criminal activity."

## Sentence for '75 murder

**MA** CAMBRIDGE — A man was sentenced to 19 to 20 years in prison for strangling a 14-year-old girl in 1975, a case that remained closed for more than 20 years until police read a diary kept by the man's mother.

David Allen Jones, 45, was the 16-year-old neighbor of Robin Gilbert when her body was found on a golf course in Revere.

Shortly after her death, a medical examiner ruled that she died as a result of heart disease. The case remained closed until 1996, when authorities received a tip that led them to a diary kept by Jones' mother. The contents have not been disclosed.

Gilbert's body was exhumed and, in 1997, a different medical examiner conducted a second autopsy, finding that Gilbert had been strangled.

Jones was arrested at his home in Georgia in 1997 and charged with murder. A jury convicted him of the lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter.

## Church bulldozed

**MS** VICKSBURG — A man was arrested on vandalism charges after police said he drove a bulldozer into a church, an attack parishioners claim was racially motivated.

Jane Beairnick, 21, was arrested and charged with felony malicious mischief. Detective Todd Dykes said. The bulldozer struck the trailer that housed the First Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The church has a black congregation and the suspect is white.

Church members said they suspect the act was racially motivated and have asked the FBI to investigate.

The bulldozer was parked 100 yards behind the trailer.

## Silencing the whistles

**MO** ST. JOSEPH — The warning whistles that wail 60 times a day as freight trains approach downtown crossings do more than jolt people in nearby homes, businesses and hotels. Officials say they also threaten the city's efforts to attract downtown development.

They hope new federal rules allowing railroad "quiet zones" will force trains to sound their horn only during emergencies.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Karzai elected as Afghan president

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was officially declared the winner of Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election Wednesday after a three-week probe into fraud found no grounds to invalidate his triumph.



Karzai

a five-year term as the country's first popularly chosen leader.

"His excellency Hamid Karzai is the winner of the election," board chairman Zakim Shah said at a ceremony in the capital. "We are announcing the first elected president of Afghanistan."

Karzai received 55.4 percent support in the Oct. 9 election, 39

percentage points ahead of his closest challenger and enough to avoid a runoff.

A spokesman for Karzai, who was in the United Arab Emirates for the funeral of its late president, said he was "very glad to finally have the result we wanted" and appealed to rivals to put a bruising campaign behind them. "We are starting a new life, a new Afghanistan and we hope everyone will cooperate with its reconstruction," Elmi said.

Karzai was expected to make a victory speech in the Afghan capital Thursday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair was among the first to "warmly congratulate" Karzai. High turnout and the lack of major violence on polling day "demonstrates the scale of the transformation that has already taken place in Afghanistan in the three years since the overthrow of the Taliban," Blair said.

However, Karzai's nearest rival, former Education Minister Yunus Qanuni, refused to concede defeat, raising the risk of political instability in a country slowly emerging from a quarter-century of war.

# Militants threatening to kill U.N. hostages push back deadline

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants backed off a deadline to kill three U.N. hostages Wednesday, but only for a matter of hours, and suggested a Filipino may be spared because his country has no troops in Afghanistan. Authorities say they were hopeful the three will eventually be released unharmed. But they had no confirmation of claims by the kidnappers that negotiations were under way and appealed Wednesday to Afghans to provide information.

Annette Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shiqaie Hehibi of Kosovo were abducted in a daylight raid on their U.N. vehicle in the Afghan capital last Thursday.

The abductors had set noon Afghan time as a deadline before they would kill the hostages, but later pushed that back until midnight.

An obscure spinoff of Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime has claimed responsibility, and on Sunday released a videotape of the frightened hostages in a

sinister echo of the insurgency in Iraq.

However, Afghan officials suspect that warlords or criminal gangs were involved in the abduction and have launched a search operation in the capital and surrounding countryside.

Afghan state television read out a list of telephone numbers on the evening news for ordinary Afghans to provide any leads that might help them locate the three.

The purported leader of Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it had received one call from "the authorities" and was expecting more.

"They will have to approach us," Akbar Agha said by satellite telephone from an undisclosed location. "We want the Afghan government and the U.N. to officially declare that they are in contact with us. We have set midnight as the deadline."

A U.N. spokesman said he couldn't comment because of the "ongoing" investigation into the hostage-taking.

An Afghan security official, speaking on condition of ano-

nymity, said he knew of no contact with the kidnappers, but added that it was possible that top officials could have opened a channel.

In a note of encouragement to the Philippine government, which is facing a fresh hostage crisis also in Iraq, Agha suggested Nayan might be spared.

"There will be a death penalty for those who are aggressors," he said.

"Britain and Kosovo have troops in Afghanistan, and they are aggressors. But the Philippines does not have forces so it is not an aggressor country."

All three hostages were in Afghanistan to help manage its Oct. 9 presidential election, whose result was officially confirmed Wednesday.

U.S.-backed interim leader Hamid Karzai was confirmed as the country's first popularly chosen leader. But the hostage-taking cast a shadow over the ceremony.

"It has saddened all the electoral staff and the nation of Afghanistan," electoral board chairman Zakim Shah said, appealing for their swift release "to put an end to this suffering during what should be a time of national celebration."

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# Europe hopes for better relations with Bush

As victory for Bush seems likely, countries look for amiable change

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

PARIS — As President Bush edged close to an election victory against Sen. John Kerry, France, Germany and other European countries are alienated during his first four years promised Wednesday to work with the new U.S. administration.

Some European leaders expressed hope that Bush would reach out to the continent in his second term. But others gloomily forecast no major tack in White House policy and continued trans-Atlantic bickering.

Markets reacted with relief to the end of the long, contentious race and the likelihood of a Bush win. Stock markets rallied across Europe and Asia, oil prices surged and the U.S. dollar was modestly higher Wednesday.

"We have lots to do on current crises: Iraq, the Middle East, Iran, the challenges of the African continent, to rebuild, to renovate the trans-Atlantic relationship," French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said on RTL radio. "This is a new step that starts a very important moment for the world."

With the vote in Ohio still too close to call, European leaders were basking back from openly congratulating a winner. But they said they would work with the new White House — even as it appeared that Bush would win a second term.

Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed Bush as a "predictable partner" and said that if his slim lead in the U.S. election is confirmed, it would mean the American people had not given in to the threats of international terrorists.

"If Bush wins, I would feel happy that the American people have not allowed themselves to be scared and made the decision they considered reasonable," Putin said at a Kremlin news conference following talks with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, another U.S. ally in Iraq, and Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra both said their nations would have good relations with the United States no matter who wins.

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said his country will remain a friend of the United States no matter the election outcome.

"The United States have freed us from a dictator, from a very long period of wars and agony," Allawi told the Italian daily newspaper La Repubblica in an interview published Wednesday.

Australia's conservative government was one of the staunchest allies and among the first to join the U.S.-led military coalition.

"We've had a very good relationship with them for the last



A Parisian lingers by a store displaying U.S. presidential election results. European countries are looking for better relations with the United States after the election, no matter who wins.

four years and I'm sure we'll be able to keep building on that over the next four," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

But not all countries supported a second Bush administration. In Indonesia, Muslim leader Syafii Maarif said a Bush win was "a catastrophe."

Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson predicted that Bush would not revamp his policies, and the sniping between Europe and the United States would continue.

"This means that we could have a very dramatic situation ahead of us, not least in Iraq," said Persson, who opposed the Iraq war.

Finland Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, whose country also opposed the war, said a growing number of international issues will require trans-Atlantic and global cooperation.

Ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who is in Paris receiving medical treatment for an undisclosed illness, felt well enough to ask about the election, Palestinian officials said. But Leila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, told LCI television station it was "going too far" to say Arafat was closely following the U.S. race.

The Bush administration supports the creation of a Palestinian state as part of the "road map" peace plan.

## Germany aims for new start with America

The Associated Press

BERLIN — A senior German official said Wednesday he hopes U.S. President Bush would seize the chance for "a new beginning" in relations with Europe if he wins the election, and stressed that Berlin still will not send troops to Iraq.

Ties were strained by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's vehement opposition to last year's U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Germany has offered help in rebuilding Iraq, and is helping train the new Iraqi police and military. But "the German military will not be sent to Iraq, independently of who becomes president in the United States," Karsten Voigt, the Foreign Ministry's top official for relations with Washington, said on ARD television.

"I hope that a re-elected President Bush would use the chance offered by his re-election to a new beginning in European-American and German-American relations," Voigt said, adding that the U.S. leader would do well to "approach the Europeans ... and say, let us sit down and talk about where we have common interests."

Schröder himself refused immediate comment on the election.

## Bridge reopens

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A border crossing between Bosnia and Serbia-Montenegro that had been closed since the 1992-95 Bosnian war reopened Wednesday.

The Stenani Bridge, destroyed during the war, was rebuilt as part of a broader Agency for International Development in southwestern Europe.

Hostilities more than a decade ago cut off the Bosnian and Serb communities on either side of the bridge. Many residents of the cities of Srebrenica in Bosnia and Bajina Basta in Serbia crossed the bridge to work, go to school and shop before the war.

Both communities worked together to repair the road and install lighting on the bridge.

## Albanian party wins

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — Kosovo's largest ethnic Albanian party won general elections in this U.N.-run province, but failed to gain the absolute majority needed to govern alone and will have to form a coalition government, according to final results released Wednesday.

President Ibrahim Rugova's Democratic League of Kosovo won 45.42 percent in the Oct. 23 elections, which were overshadowed by a boycott by the Serb minority, according to results released by the province's Central

Election Commission and the Vienna-based Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which supervised the vote.

The Democratic Party of Kosovo, led by former rebel leader Hashim Thaci, came in second with 28.85 percent. It was followed by the party of former rebel commander-turned-politician Ramush Haradinaj, the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo, with 8.39 percent, the officials said.

Rugova must choose among these three parties for a coalition partner.

## Sex video arrests

ATHENS, Greece — Four people were arrested on suspicion of secretly recording couples having sex at Athens hotels and selling the images on the Internet, police said Wednesday.

The suspects allegedly installed tiny video cameras inside rooms at several downtown hotels which cater to couples, and charged customers a 100 euro fee. They also urged subscribers to send in their own tapes, offering a 90 euro prize. The suspects — who were not named — were arrested in Athens and the northern town of Serres, after police seized scores of recordable discs, camera equipment and several computers. Details, including how the suspects gained access to the hotel rooms, were not immediately available.

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# Britain looks into accusations of accounting fraud

The Associated Press

LONDON — The British government on Wednesday opened an investigation, including police searches, into alleged false accounting practices regarding defense contracts that British defense giant BAE Systems PLC and two other companies had with Saudi Arabia's government.

Britain's Serious Fraud Office, which announced the probe of BAE, Robert Lee International Ltd. and Travellers World Ltd., conducted searches along with London and defense ministry police at eight unidentified locations in London and southern England, the Fraud Office said in a statement.

Two unidentified men — one 73 years old and one 66 — were arrested and will be questioned, the statement said.

Soon after the probe was announced, BAE stock fell 5.1 percent on the London Stock Exchange to \$4.29.

Asked about the probe, a spokesman for BAE Systems said, "We are unable to comment on an ongoing Serious Fraud Office investigation." He spoke on condition of anonymity.

BAE Systems, which is based in Farnborough, southern England, designs and produces civil and military aircraft, ships, submarines and defense products such as guided weapons systems.

# Ukraine's opposition candidate's party says it will demand recount

BY ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Supporters of Ukraine's opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko said Wednesday they would demand a recount of results in the hotly contested weekend election that left the two leading candidates in a dead heat.

"We will demand that the Central Election Commission confirm every single figure from every single electoral district and polling station," Irina Herashchenko, a Yushchenko spokeswoman, was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

She did not say when Yushchenko's camp would launch the procedure for a recount.

According to election commission results from 96.67 percent of precincts, pro-Russian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich garnered 39.88 percent of votes, followed closely by the western-leaning Viktor Yushchenko with 39.22 percent. About 75 percent of eligible voters turned out for Sunday's

election.

Election commission chief Serhiy Kivalov said the vote count stalled due to a lawsuit Yushchenko supporters filed to report irregularities at a polling station in the eastern Kirovohrad region, and would resume after an appeals court issues its verdict Thursday.

Sunday's vote was seen as critical for the future of this ex-Soviet republic, positioned between eastward-expanding NATO and its huge eastern neighbor, Russia, which is striving to strengthen its grip over its neighbors.

Western monitors, the United States, other governments and watchdogs alleged that the vote was flawed, pointing to media bias in favor of Yanukovich and strong state interference that included the obstruction of opposition activities. The prime minister denied responsibility.

While a Yanukovich victory would be expected to move Ukraine toward closer relations with Russia, Yushchenko would like to nudge the country of 48 million people westward toward the European Union and NATO.

## Berlusconi, Putin hold meeting

MOSCOW — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Russian President Vladimir Putin met in the Kremlin on Wednesday to discuss ways to deepen ties between their countries and Russian cooperation with the European Union.

The two leaders have cultivated close personal ties — Putin's daughters have vacationed with Berlusconi's family at their Sardinian villa — and Berlusconi is one of the Russian president's most valued European partners.

Berlusconi has strongly supported Russia's aspirations to join the World Trade Organization.

## Lion attacks man in Taiwan zoo

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A lion attacked a man who jumped into the animal's enclosure and shouted "Jesus will save you!" at the big cat Wednesday at the zoo in Taiwan's capital.

Cable TV stations showed the lion ripping a jacket off the man as he stood in a grassy enclosure that held two of the animals.

Without panicking, the man fell back on a stone ridge, and the lion then jumped at him, biting him in the arm. The lion then clawed at his trousers before retreating.

Guards drove the lions away with water hoses, and police shot the animals with tranquilizer darts. The man, identified only by his surname, Chen, was taken to the hospital for tests.

## Fireworks scare in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Police said Wednesday they have evacuated dozens of residents in a western Danish city after a fire erupted in two containers on the grounds of a plant that makes fireworks.

Because of fears of explosions, neighbors near the N.P. Johnsen fireworks factory in Kolding were evacuated to a nearby school, police said. Other residents living nearby were told to stay indoors and keep their windows and doors closed. It wasn't known if there was any threat from noxious odors or gas.

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# Iranians celebrate 25th anniversary of '79 crisis

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Students burned U.S. flags and effigies of U.S. President Bush on Wednesday to mark the 25th anniversary of the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, while Iranian officials accused Washington of undermining Iranian goodwill gestures for better ties.

To chants of "Death to America," about 3,000 students gathered outside the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran to mark the anniversary of militant students' Nov. 4, 1979, storming of the building where they held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days. On the Iranian calendar, the anniversary of

the siege fell on Wednesday.

The demonstration, which broke up peacefully in about three hours after students prayed together, took place as U.S. election results showed a narrow lead for Bush against Sen. John Kerry. Also on Wednesday, Hossein Mousavian, a top Iranian security official, blamed successive U.S. administrations for the failure of any rapprochement, saying Washington repeatedly reneged on promises after goodwill gestures from Iran.

The United States broke diplomatic relations with Iran after the embassy takeover, and they haven't since been restored. Today, the two countries are at odds over Iran's nuclear pro-

gram. Tehran maintains it is geared solely for peaceful energy purposes, but the United States has been driving international concern Iran is secretly trying to build a nuclear bomb.

Mousavian said about 50 world leaders conveyed messages to former president Hashemi Rafsanjani in the 1980s that Washington would show "unbelievable goodwill" if Iran used its influence to release western hostages seized in Lebanon at that time. Iran has been accused of backing the Hezbollah guerrillas who allegedly were involved in abducting Westerners during the Lebanese civil war.

"We showed good will and helped release the hostages, but



Iranians burn a U.S. flag outside of the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Wednesday in a gathering marking the 25th anniversary of the seizure of the U.S. Embassy.

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America reneged on its promises," he said. "We openly supported the Afghan Northern Alliance against the Taliban. Without our support, America would have not been able to overthrow the Taliban in Afghanistan," he added. Iran supplied some factions fighting the Taliban with weapons and did not try to work against the United States when it entered. In-

stead of rewarding Iran, Mousavian complained, Bush included Iran in his "axis of evil," further worsening ties.

Iran is happy with the Bush administration for toppling two of Iran's big regional enemies: Taliban in Afghanistan and Saddam in Iraq. But some Iranians worry Iran could be next if Bush is re-elected.

## Report: EU's 10-year economic strategy not hitting target

BY ROBERT WIELAARD

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union's goal to become the world's most dynamic economy by 2010 is becoming a tale of "missed objectives and failed promises," said a report released Wednesday.

It said European Union leaders have failed to deliver on economic reform promises since launching a decade-long growth and employment strategy in 2000.

It recommended, among other things, that the EU head office issue an annual list

of countries that aren't doing enough to rejuvenate their economies.

The report will be presented to the 25 EU leaders when they open a two-day summit in Brussels Thursday. Other summit topics are Iran, Iraq, the Mideast and the EU's faltering efforts to craft a common immigration policy.

The summit will also offer a stage for the European leaders to assess the way forward for relations with the United States, where President Bush was reelected for another four years in the White House.

On Friday, the leaders were to meet with

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. The EU is considering help to beef up Iraq's law enforcement system and possibly sign a trade agreement with the government in Baghdad after next January's elections.

Kok said Wednesday that EU governments have not done enough to make a success of the growth strategy.

His report argues the "Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Employment" remains valid and can still make Western Europe the world's most dynamic and competitive economy by 2010.

The strategy prescribed changes in eco-

nomic and social policy-making that EU governments have found easy to announce in recent years, but tough to implement.

These include tax cuts, a later retirement age, reforming health care and pension systems, making it easier for companies to hire and fire workers and cutting red tape for businesses.

The study comes at a time when Europe's competitive position is waning. The EU's economic growth rate is projected to be 2 percent in 2004 and 2.4 percent in 2005 — about half of the global growth rates for these two years.

### Iron Age structure reportedly found near Prague

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Archaeologists have found remnants of an Iron Age hut at a building site on the outskirts of Prague, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The daily Mlada Fronta Dnes said researchers found the 3,000-year-old remnants while working at the site before planned construction of apartment buildings.

Chief researcher Michal Bures, was quoted as saying the inhabitants of the dwelling had apparently left hurriedly, but that no valuables were found there.

"But places where the inhabitants prepared and ate meat and where they ground and stored grain still can be recognized in the hut's interior," the newspaper quoted Bures as saying.

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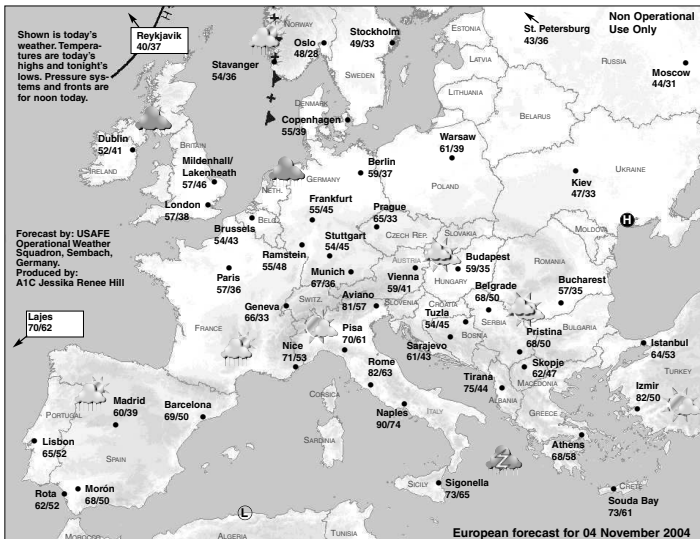
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**Benelux:** Cloudy with isolated rain. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the mid 40s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy with dense morning fog. Highs in the lower 70s, Friday lows in the mid 40s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the 50s to lower 70s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid 50s.

**Northern Germany:** Cloudy with isolated rain. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

**Southern Germany:** Cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 70s, Friday lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s.

**Hungary:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s, Friday lows in the mid 30s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s, Friday lows in the upper 50s.

**Southern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s, Friday lows in the mid 50s to mid 70s.

**Kosovo:** Mostly cloudy with dense morning fog. Highs in the low 70s, Friday lows in the low to mid 50s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s, Friday lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 60s, Friday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

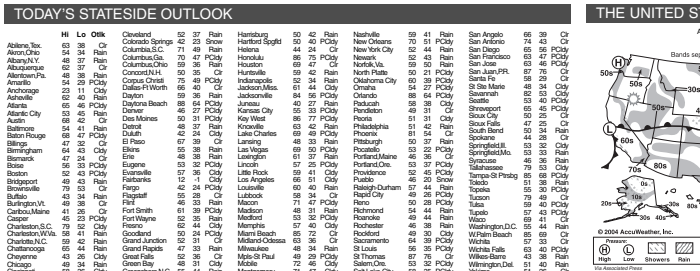
**Turkey:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s to lower 80s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

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## SUN &amp; MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:24am	6:24am
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:21am	7:23am
Sunset (Baghdad)	5:09pm	5:09pm
Sunset (Frankfurt)	4:57pm	4:56pm

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004

	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Stanley	Movie "Full Circle" (1996, Drama) Tim Pore, Cobie Smulders, Fred Diamond.	Dr. Phil	Jacoby	Nightline	Sports	30-Minute Meals	Jacoby
9:30	Sagwa-Siamse Cat			Headline News	Nightly Business Report		Don't Eat a Lion II	Headline News
10:00	Arthur (E)		(8:45) Oprah Winfrey	ESPN	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Design on a Dime	ESPN
10:30	Between the Lions (E)	(14:50) Movie *** "Suspect" (1987, Drama) Kate, Dennis Quaid, Liam Neeson. A public defender becomes involved with an overzealous juror.	(13:30) Guiding Light	Advisory Board			Style Star	Headline News
11:00	Sagwa-Siamse Cat		(17:10) General Hospital	Two and a Half Men	60 Minutes II		El News Live	Two and a Half Men
11:30	Stanley		(17:10) General Hospital	Will & Grace			The King of Queens	Will & Grace
12:00	Dora the Explorer		Judge Judy	The Bachelor	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	That '70s Show	The Bachelor
12:30	The Wiggles						Girlfriends	
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Fried Green Tomatoes" (1991, Comedy-Drama) Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson.	Today Lauren Bacall.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Eleven Angry Jurors" (Part 1 of 2)	Good Morning America	Sports	Charmed "Charmed Again" (Part 1 of 2)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Eleven Angry Jurors" (Part 1 of 2)
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)		The Legend of Tarzan	Late Show	Headline News		Any Day Now "Hope"	Late Show
14:00	Blue's Clues Clearing Up		Aaahh! Real Monsters	Access Hollywood	Channel One			
14:30	Sam & Friends (E)		Suburra, the Animated Series	The Early Show	Baseball Tonight	Baseball Tonight	ER "Four Corners"	Access Hollywood
15:00	Funnies Home Videos		In the Mix	Headline News	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Past Imperfect"	Access Hollywood
15:30	Full House		Headline News	The Late Late Show	FOX News	ESPN	The Simpsons	Headline News
16:00	Pokemon "Why? Wynaut!"		Destinations	Dennis Miller	60 Minutes II	Baseball Tonight	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
16:30	Yo-Gi On! (Part 3 of 3)		AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	FOX News	Sports	Summertime "Playdate So the Day Begins"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
17:00	Hey Arnold!	Screen Play	Headline News	The Bachelor	FOX News		The Practice "The Telltale Nation"	Entertainment Studios.com
17:30	Rocket Power	Ebert-Movies	Headline News	The Late Late Show	Headline News		48 Hours Mystery	Headline News
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	Destinations	Dennis Miller	The Not List	The Hot List	Friends	Today Lauren Bacall.
18:30	Rugrats	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
19:00	That's So Raven	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
19:30	All That	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
20:00	Phineas "Lost Souls"	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
21:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
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22:00	Home Improvement	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
22:30	Touched by an Angel "Homecoming" (Part 1 of 2)	Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
23:30		Movie *** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McCormack, Graham Greene. A U.S. Cavalry officer's vision of the American frontier.	AFN Evening News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	The Hot List	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Headline News
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2004								
00:00	Hey Arnold!	(10:15) Movie *** "Path to War" (2002, Drama)	(11:30) Late Show	Play With Me Sesame	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night	Play With Me Sesame
00:30	Rocket Power		Access Hollywood	Bear in the Big Blue House	NBC Nightly News		Sagwa "PlotAnd So the Day Begins"	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	(13:10) Movie *** "National Lampoon's Animal House" (1978, Comedy) John Belushi, Tim Matheson.	Sports	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	ABC World News Tonight		The Practice "The Telltale Nation"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:30	Rugrats			Wheel of Fortune	60 Minutes II	Sports	The Practice "The Telltale Nation"	Wheel of Fortune
2:00	That's So Raven		Dr. Phil	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	FOX News		48 Hours Mystery	Oprah Winfrey
2:30	All That		Oprah Winfrey	Hannity & Colmes	NBC Nightly News		Friends	NBC Nightly News
3:00	Phineas "Lost Souls"	Movie *** "My Cousin Vinny" (1993, Comedy) John Belushi, Tim Matheson.	Headline News	Access Hollywood	NewsHour Weekend With Jim Lehrer	SportsCenter	Seinfeld "The Maestro"	Judge Judy
3:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	An eight-layer twist to free his cousin from a Dase jail.	Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Braintainspace Yoga	Access Hollywood
4:00	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Caribbean Workout	Access Hollywood
4:30	Sesame Street (E)	(13:10) Movie *** "National Lampoon's Animal House" (1978, Comedy) John Belushi, Tim Matheson.	Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Body Shopping	Access Hollywood
5:00	Barnes & Friends (E)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Typical Mary Ellen	Access Hollywood
5:30	Blue's Clues "Geography"		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Teacher's Pet (E)	Access Hollywood
6:00	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		What's New Scooby-Doo?	Access Hollywood
6:30	Bob the Builder		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Ozzy & Drix (Part 1 of 2)	Access Hollywood
7:00	The Wiggles		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
7:30	Dora the Explorer		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
8:00	The Wiggles		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
8:30	Dora the Explorer		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
9:00	Stanley		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
9:30	Sagwa-Siamse Cat		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
10:00	Movie *** "Pocahontas" (1995, Adventure) Voices of Irene Bedard, Mel Gibson.		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
11:00	Stanley		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
12:00	Dora the Explorer		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
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13:00	Bob the Builder		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
14:00	Blue's Clues		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
14:30	Movie *** "Dr. Dolittle 2" (2001, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Kristin Wynn.		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
15:00	Movie *** "Return to Never Land" (1990, Adventure) Tom Burton, Signy Coleman, Brian Densley.		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
16:00	Pokemon "Just Add Water"		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
16:30	Yo-Gi On! (Part 1 of 4)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
17:00	Hey Arnold!		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
17:30	Rocket Power		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
18:30	Rugrats		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
19:00	ChalkZone (E)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
19:30	The Weekenders (E)		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
20:30	All That		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
21:00	Lizzie McGuire		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
22:00	Switched "Toby and Joel"		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
22:30	Radio Free Roscoe		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
23:00	The Cosby Show		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood
23:30	Home Improvement		Headline News	60 Minutes II	FOX News		Emert Live	Access Hollywood

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Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon star in the action-comedy "Taxi."

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# Comedy vehicle on duty

## Fallon and Latifah grab a souped-up 'Taxi'

BY JOE NEUMAIER

New York Daily News/KRT

NEW YORK — An action-comedy team can rush through the jokes to get to the jolts, or rush through the stunts to get to the snickers. But for "Taxi," Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon decided to rush the net for laughs.

"For us, it was like volleyball — you set up a joke, and the other person spikes it!" says Fallon, slapping an imaginary ball with his hand. "You can't just throw things out there and wait for a reaction. When your co-star gives you something you can work with, they're setting up your alley-oop."

"And Jimmy's got a lot of spikes in this movie," says Latifah.

"Once we got into a good rhythm, we really developed a shorthand style."

"Taxi," a remake of a popular 1998 French film (and its two sequels), stars Fallon as a fumbling cop whose lack of driving skills and inept style costs him his license, and his standing in the NYPD.

To prove himself, he goes after a gang of beautiful female bank robbers (led by supermodel Gisele Bündchen), and enlists the help of a car-savvy cabie (Latifah), whose souped-up set of wheels allows the two to race around Manhattan in pursuit of the thieves.

It's Fallon's first movie since leaving "Saturday Night Live" in May after six seasons. (On Saturday's season premiere, Amy Poehler filled his "Weekend Update" chair next to Tina Fey.)

He had to do some racing around to get the movie done, shooting scenes in Hollywood last year while fulfilling his "SNL" duties.

"I would fly to New York on Fridays and write 'Update' with Tina, and then fly back Sunday to Los Angeles," says the 30-year-old comic, who was born in Brooklyn. "With sketches, I'd come up with an idea Monday or Tuesday and call the writers. I'd be writing skits down on a napkin, which is the way they did it in the '70s."

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Jimmy Fallon, actor

His movie partner has conquered every aspect of pop culture since she first emerged as a hip-hop artist in the late '90s. Her musical success led to the sitcom "Living Single," her own talk show, and movie dramas ("Set It Off," "Living Out Loud"). In 2002, her performance in "Chicago" earned her a Best Supporting Actress Oscar nomination, and the 2003 smash "Bringing Down the House" confirmed her as an audience favorite.

"I feel pressured when people start putting me in a box," says Latifah, 34. "I always try to select things that are different from one to the next. I'm always trying to keep my options open,

keep the reins loose.

"I never worry about who sees me in a certain way; it's my job to show them otherwise. But I don't attempt things that I don't feel I can accomplish. If you see me get into it, you might as well wait and see what's going to happen."

For movies, she says, "Doing dramas definitely helps you learn how to develop a character, which helps even in a comedy like 'Taxi.' It's different for me, because I'm not a comedian, whereas Jimmy does this for real. But working with him or Cedric the Entertainer on 'Barbershop 2,' I had to be ready for whatever came my way."

Fallon says he "learned how to be funny" on "SNL" after working with the Groundlings Improv comedy troupe in L.A. Leaving the show to do his first big film (after small parts in "Almost Famous" and TV's "Band of Brothers") is a little scary, but feels like graduation, he says.

"On 'SNL,' you work with the funniest people on television, who then move on, they end up being the funniest people in movies," he says. "I'm going to miss the show, definitely, but this is a different thing. I never really looked at this movie like, 'Oh man, this is my shot!' I just had a great time doing it."

Latifah interrupts with a feld flash: "Well... actually everyone felt like this was your shot, and you'd better not mess up!"

Fallon throws his hand onto his head. "Thank God you didn't tell me until now!"

### Tarantino planning kung-fu film

Director Quentin Tarantino says he's planning a kung-fu film with all the dialogue in Mandarin Chinese and out-of-sync English dubbing in homage to many such films in the past.

In an interview with Total Film magazine, Tarantino said he decided to do the kung-fu movie instead of "Inglorious Bastards," the working title of his long-expected movie based on World War II.

"I enjoyed shooting all the Japanese stuff in 'Kill Bill' so much that this whole film will be entirely in Mandarin," he was quoted as saying.

"If you're not up to watching it with subtitles, I really want to do a full-on dubbed version," he added.

### Brosnan: Farrell would be ideal '007'

Pierce Brosnan, who played British agent James Bond in the last four "007" films, says he thinks fellow Irishman Colin Farrell would be his ideal successor.

Brosnan, 51, said several actors could easily fill his shoes as Bond, which he began in 1995 with "GoldenEye" and concluded with 2002's "Die Another Day."

"But I'll give it to Colin Farrell. He'll eat the head off them all," Brosnan said following an entertainment awards ceremony Saturday in Dublin.

Farrell, 28, appeared with Tom Cruise in the 2002 sci-fi thriller "Minority Report," and has the title role in Oliver Stone's upcoming "Alexander."

Brosnan didn't specify any other actors that he thought would make a good 007.

He also said he was discussing a possible collaboration with director Quentin Tarantino, who is considering making a film of the Bond novel "Casino Royale."

"We have discussed things, Quentin and I, but I don't know if it's going to be that particular project," Brosnan said.

### Siegfried & Roy protege wins award

Darren Romeo, a protégé of Siegfried & Roy, has been named the winner of the Magic Castle Magician of the Year award.

A special pre-announcement of the award, to be presented next March at a ceremony at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif., will cap off Romeo's opening night at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Miss., on Wednesday.

Siegfried Fischbacher is expected to attend a private ceremony for Romeo after the show. The Beau Rivage is owned by the MGM Mirage, where Romeo opened his Las Vegas stage show, "Siegfried & Roy present Darren Romeo, The Voice of Magic," in 2002.

"I am so excited that he is coming," Romeo said. "Over this past year, it has been very challenging."

Fischbacher's partner, Roy Horn, is recovering from a tiger mauling more than a year ago during the duo's Las Vegas show.

Horn's injury forced the long-running Siegfried & Roy show to close.

"We are focusing on him making a great recovery," Romeo said.

In his show, Romeo belts out Broadway-style tunes. "I know when you say 'singing magician,' you almost want to run from the theater," Romeo told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "It sounds unbelievably cheesy, but it's really not."

Romeo, a native of East Meadow, N.Y., met Fischbacher and Horn in 1999 after he debuted his show at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas. The meeting led to a friendship and the MGM Mirage show.

"My business relationship is... mostly mentorship," Romeo said. "It's not a signed contract. It's family. I don't talk to the managers or producers."

The Magic Castle is the home of the Academy of Magical Arts, an organization designed to encourage and promote public interest in magic.

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## Focus on job, not praise

The writer of "All fighters deserve praise" (letter, Oct. 28) needs to stop worrying about who is getting praise and who is not.

Secretary of State Colin Powell commented on Edward Seitz's death because Seitz worked for the State Department, the same as a commander would do for one of his soldiers killed in action.

Soldiers don't do their job for praise. I think the letter writer would concentrate more on doing his job and getting home alive than on what is being said about others.

Also, in response to the writer of the letter "Another point for shorter tours" (Oct. 28), because of the downsizing during the Clinton administration we don't have the resources to make shorter tours.

I am a veteran of Panama in 1989, Desert Shield/Storm/Victory in '90 and of Operation Enduring Freedom in '02-'03. During Desert Shield/Storm I was deployed for almost 11 months, and I was deployed to Afghanistan in the National Guard. We had plenty of people who had to leave their families and jobs behind and did with pride, not complaints.

I don't buy in to the argument that Reserve/Guard soldiers are leaving more money than are full-time soldiers. Everyone needs to understand that the sacrifices are the same for everyone.

Harvey Foster

Baghdad

## CIB is just a badge

After reading the letters on Oct. 29, I had enough winning and decided to add my two cents' worth to the Combat Infantryman Badge brochure.

What it boils down to is this: "I'm doing an infantryman's job, I should get an infantryman's badge," and "No, it's ours, you can't have it!"

Let's revisit some of the comments: "The reason I say this is because in Iraq, an infantryman's day is at least 14 hours work—and that is an easy day. Most of the time you are out in sector for 15 hours and on your forward operating base doing three hours of work. Would the reader like, perhaps, that the Army have a Combat Cook's Badge with a spoon and a watch around it?"

Or from another writer: "Few support personnel get the 'joy' of riding in the back of a Bradley fighting vehicle for eight hours in 120-degree heat."

In the International Zone, I know of armored, artillery, military police and engineer units who've traded their various vehicles (and occupational specialties) for Humvees and patrol sectors, man check-points, conduct numerous raids and escort convoys as infantry styled units.

Further, the comment about a cook's spoon with a wreath around it was a cheap shot. Our supply soldiers, cooks, mechanics, medics, etc., all have an integral part in maintaining the life of the Troop. To suggest the creation of such a ridiculous badge was a slap in the face, and it was meant that way.

I can understand the desire of any sol-

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dier who works under combat conditions to want some type of badge recognizing their fearful actions. According to current regulations, only infantry-related military occupational specialties are authorized the CIB. So what? Let them keep it.

When I see a soldier wearing a CIB, I know he holds an infantry MOS and received it in a combat environment. Big deal!

So, my fellow noninfantry soldiers, drop this issue. Let the football team keep their varsity letter. Know this: They wouldn't have it without our efforts backing them up every step of the way.

Staff Sgt. David J. Barret  
 Forward Operating Base Freedom I, Iraq

## Men, women aren't equal

In "Equality in combat units" (Oct. 29), the letter writer calls people who oppose women in units of action but also claim women and men are equal, hypocrites.

This is true, they are. Most of them intend to prove a new idea as a combat arms veteran. They are in units of action oppose women in our units for one reason: We are not equal. I'm not going to debate the age-old argument of man vs. woman. I only wanted to inject a little honesty into the debate.

As the letter writer said, "If men and women are equal, then make it equal across the board rather than creating exceptions to the rule." Am I to assume that includes the Army physical fitness test as well as units of action?

Sgt. Steven Brady

Baghdad

## Flag patch is wrong

I started my Army career 37 years ago as a long-range reconnaissance patrol in Vietnam. I am now a chaplain's assistant on my way to Iraq.

In the meantime, I have spent a great deal of time educating government agencies, businesses and even neighbors on the correct display and care of the U.S. colors.

A year ago, when the Army decided to add the flag to the right sleeve of the uni-

form, I was dismayed to find out they wanted it displayed below the combat patch. I have spent many hours in correspondence trying to find out who wrote the regulation and why, but to no avail.

The U.S. flag code specifically states the colors will not be displayed below other flags, banners or pennants.

Sgt. 1st Class Ken Bucy

Iraq

## A salute to 'drama'

Recently I was approached by four soldiers walking down the street. All four were talking, I looked to the soldier in the far right position in case I needed to extend a salute. The first soldier was a staff sergeant. Just to be on the safe side, I checked to his left to see a sergeant first down, by the time I had scanned the first two positions I was now parallel to all four of them.

Two steps after passing all four of them I heard "Excuse me."

I turned around to see the soldier that was next to the sergeant first class — third position from his right — titling his Kevlar down so I could see his chief warrant officer's 3 rank.

I looked his uniform up and down, then told him: "Sorry, sir, I did not see you." I then saluted and he saluted me.

I paused for a moment to attain a moment of clarity, only to realize several factors went into my neglect to recognize this warrant officer.

First, the warrant officer felt that the staff sergeant and sergeant first class were senior to him and that is why he chose not to be in the position of the far right, the place of honor for those who are senior.

Second, the Kevlar was positioned so far back that a high-flying F-16 could maybe see the rank.

Third, his right collar was folded under.

Fourth, his left collar was covered by his sling to his weapon.

I usually look forward to rendering a nice crisp salute to an officer. This experience was the first ever in my 19 years in the Army of being corrected on not saluting. I am not mind being corrected when I am wrong.

I do mind when I know soldiers deployed in Iraq have much more serious things to worry about than war. Officers eager to stop senior noncommissioned officers who do not render salutes even after they have placed four factors against you that hinder the proper respect to be rendered.

The very next day, I observed two captains correct a specialist who failed to salute because he thought it was OK not to since he was walking next to his own captain. Even the captain who was walking with the specialist was not aware his soldier needed to render a salute. He was quickly educated by a Ranger captain and another captain.

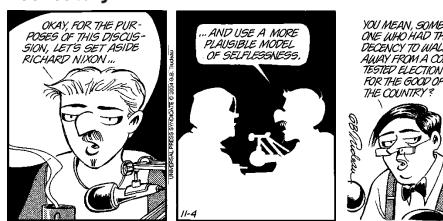
All this salute drama in the last two days filled my thoughts with the topic and before I knew it two days had flown by. That's 48 short calls to going home. Cool.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Harbison

Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## Doonesbury





## OPINION

## Common ground crucial after mean season

BY STAN TINER

The (Biloxi, Miss.) Sun Herald

**BILLOXI, Miss.** The clock ticks down mercifully toward (the conclusion of U.S.) elections and a decision that will, I hope, conclude the clash of angry Americans that in recent weeks has reached a great din of white-hot noise—not to be confused with civic discourse.

This has been the meanest political season, one that has whipped up emotions, exposing the raw nerve endings in the body politic, leaving the nation edgy and paranoid. This 50-50 division is not a good thing, not in an atmosphere where almost no one sees the other person's point of view.

But if somehow we can embrace a healing common ground of national self-interest, then I would describe that as a miracle much greater than the World Series victory of the Boston Red Sox.

I do think we can recover—we must—but it will require a significant effort on our sides. The winners must certainly be gracious to the losers. But the losers too must do their part.

Professor Douglas Brinkley, the presidential historian, last week recognized the importance of the winner being inclusive, in bringing those from the vanquished side of Tuesday's election under the tent of power. Healing can come only from such important gestures.

But the greater part of reuniting will come only from the informed need of national necessity. Enlightened self-interest should allow us all to recognize that in a day when a tenth of the threat resides over all, we cannot remain divided to such a degree as we are today.

That is not to say we cannot or should not engage in serious civic debate. It is our obligation to the free and daughters of democracy that each speaks the truth as he or

she sees that truth. But we must somehow see the need to speak with more respect and civility while addressing those differences.

David M. Abshire, president of the Center for the Study of the Presidency who was a special counselor to President Reagan among other public roles, has written an essay titled "The Grace and Power of Civility." It speaks to the need for civility in all of our public discourse.

In its deepest sense, civility means "respect, listening and dialogue," he said. (In reading those words I examined the current political discussion and found little of those traits.) Abraham Lincoln's "house divided against itself" speech evokes thoughts of another dreadful period. "We have not reached the great national downside of the 1840s and 1850s, leading to the Civil War, but today we are one of the low points," the political scientist Ross Baker notes.

And the poet William Yeats is likewise brought to mind: "Things fall apart, the center cannot hold, where anarchy is loosed upon the world, the blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere the ceremony of innocence is drowned; the best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity. Surely some revelation is at hand."

Those few feel something like that. Something large is at hand. There is portent in the air. Of what? Abshire's central point deals with the thought that American spirituality can be the unifying principle that will allow us to build the nation center in our time of division and turbulence.

Alexis de Tocqueville observed the "religious atmosphere" that was part of the tradition and culture of public life during his mid-19th century visit to America. Abshire believes that although we are increasingly a nation of many faiths, we can be united by a spirituality that "can keep us humble and remind us we are but small parts of a greater plan."

"Can we reclaim the civil religion and

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civil unity of the founders? The answer lies in our national motto: E pluribus unum. We are many, but we can also be one in mighty purpose. America's civic identity can, paradoxically, bridge the forces of commitment, difference and tolerance," he said.

Perhaps the greatest of all of our hopes are found in the national spirit evidenced in those awful days after Sept. 11, 2001. Abshire describes it: "As the ashes of hate, destruction and doubt settled across our nation, a renewed connective, civility and spirituality arose. Something sacred indeed happened as rescue workers, firefighters and police insisted on going back to face almost certain death."

We can all remember those days, and we can also sadly compare them with the bitter-

ness and division we find today, even as we wonder how we so quickly squandered the unity that held us together then.

It is interesting how Abraham Lincoln's fine words continue to inform us of truths that we ought not forget. "We cannot escape history..." The fiery trial through which we pass will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation."

How then will we be regarded by those to come? I do not know, but I do know this is a moment where history will examine our actions, and I am certain that we must forgive where forgiveness is in order, forget those grievances we have held in our hearts, and move on—together.

For a divided America cannot endure.

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## Now that he's won, Bush must follow his own advice

Los Angeles Times

**G**eorge W. Bush [has won] re-election, [but] this election will be memorable for more than just who won.

Americans on Tuesday reaffirmed their faith in democracy by swarming to the polls with a rare sense of passion and determination that will long be remembered. All those images of long, snaking lines at polling places across the country looked oddly foreign, like footage from some faraway land less accustomed to democracy's rituals and, therefore, still awed by them.

President Bush [won] the popular vote by more than Al Gore [did] in 2000, but again the Electoral College, an antique remnant, [briefly] tripped up democracy. Voters deserve better, and they don't deserve having judges decide. More so than they have been in a long time, Americans are politically engaged and should be treated as such.

Bush's close call is proof of his failings as president, which explain how a flakable war-time leader couldn't have assured himself a comfortable victory. Consider his inability to recognize that he lacked a strong mandate after losing the popular vote in 2000 and his refusal to acknowledge unpleasant truths throughout his term in office (starting with the fact that he lost the popular vote in 2000).

Whether in characterizing the state of the economy or developments in Iraq, this famously on-message White House has repeatedly opted for Panglossian deception over candor and truthfulness.

Even [though] Bush prevailed, he can hardly pretend that he has been vindicated in his approach. The president had every opportunity to win over the nation during the last four years, and yet he has not dramatically broken the 50-50 stalemate of 2000.

In his second term, he can worry about his legacy, not his re-election. That would require leveling with the American people about unpleasant realities and the difficult choices that lie ahead. He can't remain in the perpetual denial about the fact that his plans for Social Security would cost trillions of dollars upfront, that tax cuts don't magically increase government revenues and that the

United States may need a larger military.

During the campaign, Sen. John Kerry promised to restore trust to the presidency, but he didn't, as a candidate, always hold himself to that pledge. Like Bush, he often refused to level with voters about some of the hard choices that lie ahead, whether on the need to overhaul Social Security, the real cost of his healthcare proposal or his ability to change the tenor of the war in Iraq.

Then there is the overarching reality of the nation's persistent red-blue split and the fact that half the country was assured to be deeply offended by the outcome of this election, no matter who won.

Our counsel to Bush is to dust off the gracious acceptance he delivered in December 2000. Bush then said he agreed with Gore that they should do their best to heal our country after this hard-fought contest." He promised to change the excessively partisan tone in Washington.

"I believe things happen for a reason, and I hope the long wait of the last five weeks will heighten a desire to move beyond the bitterness and partisanship of the recent past," he said, adding that Americans "share hopes and goals far more important than any political disagreements."

That speech deserves to be delivered again, because it was never acted on.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



# Horoscope

Mercury enters Sagittarius, which brings a new wave of curiosity and expansion to our realm of communication. If you've been wanting to learn a new language, this is the time. And you can expect that your vocabulary in your mother tongue will grow as well. It's becoming obvious that in order to attain more, we have to know more people.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**  
(Nov. 4). You've deserved respect for a while now, and you are finally getting it. People will take notice of what you say this year. You may find yourself being quoted in the news or being asked to give an important speech. You will come across as confident, well educated and charismatic. It is also very likely that you'll be promoted in December or June.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Like the song says, you can't hurry love. You'll just have to wait. Seriously, you're not doing yourself any favors by rushing into a relationship with someone you hardly know.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Now is an excellent time to mend broken fences, particularly with family. If you haven't been speaking to a parent or child, you should try approaching that person with an outstretched olive branch now.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You get a booster shot of confidence! Suddenly, everything you say seems to hold extra weight and importance. Your charisma is magnetic and draws love and admiration to you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Saturn is activating the big issues for you. Marriage, starting a family, home ownership, career path, financial stability and retirement are on the forefront of your mind. Focus on the broad strokes of how you want your life to be.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Relax and enjoy this quiet time for what it is: the calm before a period of intense change and challenge. You

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Examine your current love relationship. Are you really getting the level of commitment and stability you crave? If you're doing more giving than receiving, you need to examine what's motivating you. A Scorpio has an objective view.

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your love life shines right now. If you're single, this is one of your best times this year to meet someone. If you're already in a relationship, your love will grow, perhaps bringing with it a marriage proposal.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You will receive an unusual proposition. Consider the source carefully. Listen to your gut. If your intuition tells you that this messenger is a decent human being, allow yourself to explore their offer. It could prove to be lucrative.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your phone is ringing off the hook with people inviting you to parties, workshops and lectures. You may feel inundated with e-mail. Luckily, you'll be able to discern the important stuff from the spam.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Some call you obsessive. The truth is, you're just really, really focused. It's that single-mindedness that keeps you on target. Like a laser-guided missile, you know exactly where you need to get to.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Consider taking on an intern, assistant or apprentice. You are such a good teacher that your protege may soon be able to handle much of the workload alone, freeing you up to focus on the visionary end of things.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** All is not wine and roses at home. Someone is harboring a perhaps not-so-hidden resentment, and it probably has something to do with the in-laws. Find the common ground. Singles are adjusting to a new circumstance.

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Joyce Lillson



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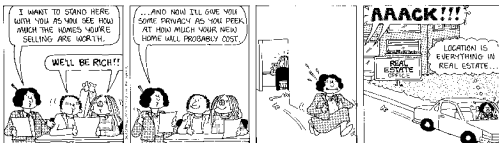
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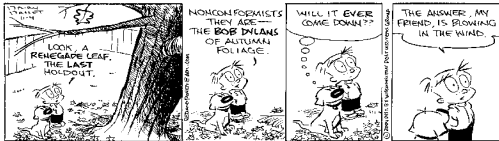
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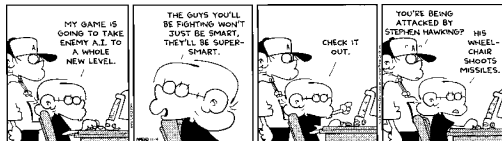
## To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

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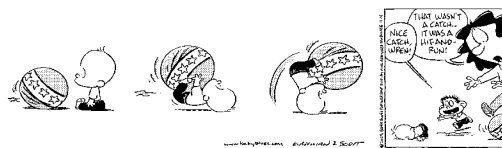
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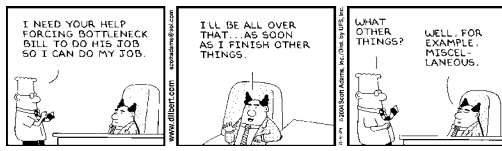
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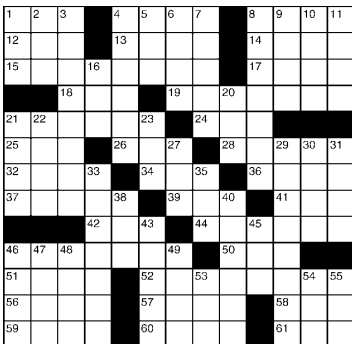
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 11-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN YOU CRY "I'M TENDING MY GARDEN NOW!" I SUPPOSE THAT'S A WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: S equals D

# Phasing out friends not taken well

**Dear Abby:** I read your column faithfully. The letter from "Devoted Mom in Livermore, Calif." really touched a nerve with me. She said she wanted to end friendships with her old "career" friends because she no longer had anything in common with them and would rather spend her free time with her husband and daughter. How sad.

**Dear Abby**



People use the word "friends" too liberally. I believe a person is truly blessed if he or she can name five "true friends." By that I mean people who will be by your side through thick and thin; back you up and ask questions later; someone you can call any time of day or night.

Through childhood, marriage, children, divorce, whatever life throws your way, these friends are there. The common thread is the quality that made you friends to begin with.

You may not see each other often, but when you pick up that phone or e-mail, it's like you never left off.

It's a shame "Devoted Mom" doesn't understand that true meaning of friendship.

—Kathy G. Bally, P.A.  
Dear Kathy: I agree. True friendship is a commodity so precious it should not be discarded lightly.

That letter brought in some interesting mail. Read on for a sample:

**Dear Abby:** Although "Devoted Mom" didn't say it in so many words, her letter smacked of the attitude that I'm willing to bet used to disgust her. Now that she's settled down, she's eager to phase out her single girlfriends.

Naturally, since she has a "real" life now, she doesn't want to be around people who don't, and certainly she's all her

mommy-track friends are sure that anything remotely different from their existence is entirely false. It's that very attitude that keeps us divided.

Sure, she's tired of hearing about single girls' money and boyfriend problems, but let me assure her that potty training doesn't exactly make for a riveting anecdote.

Single lives are no less valuable and real than hers.

"Devoted Mom" shouldn't worry about letting those women down easily. They won't be eager to be around someone with such a smug-minded attitude anyway.

—Woman-Positive  
in Columbus, Ohio

**Dear Woman-Positive:** I'm sure they won't wonder if they find out they're expendable!

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans:     IN

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IRATE ADMIT FARINA PERSON  
Answer: What the rider suffered after the cross-country rail trip — TRAIN STRAIN

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Don't put son in middle of mess

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to my wife for more than 20 years and recently found out my eldest son is not my biological child.

**Annie's Mailbox**



Apparently, his father is my (ex) best friend. He and my wife kept this a secret for more than 10 years. She claims he raped her. He claims it was consensual.

I always had been suspicious about the two of them, but both denied any wrongdoing. I finally insisted on a paternity test, which showed I am not the father. (My son thinks the test was for life insurance.) Should I tell my 11-year-old son that his biological father is someone else? I raised him, and he always will be mine, but isn't he entitled to this information? And, can my wife ever be trusted again?

—Hurt and Confused

**Dear Hurt:** Please say nothing to your son. He is too young to be burdened with such inflammatory news. Apparently, your wife chose not to report this alleged

rape to the police, and although she still can do so, it won't accomplish much legally.

Did their liaison continue, or was it a one-time thing? On the assumption that it happened only once, regardless of whether or not it was consensual, we urge you to believe her version of events or forgive her. If necessary, get counseling to help you achieve peace and regain your trust. Yes, it can be done. But you must be willing.

**Dear Annie:** November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Approximately 17 million Americans have diabetes. I am a physician who specializes in treating patients with chronic wounds (a complication of diabetes) and want to warn them.

Nearly 60 percent of people with diabetes suffer from neuropathy, or nerve damage, and may not be able to feel pain in their feet.

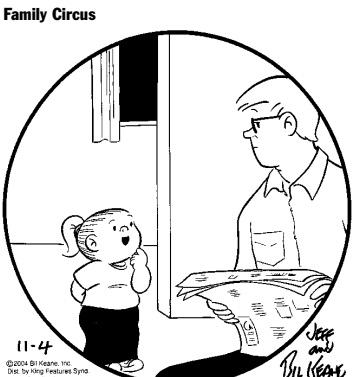
Because of circulatory problems, small cuts or blisters can be difficult to heal and, in the most severe cases, may result in amputation.

Please urge your readers to check their feet daily, always wear shoes and visit a podiatrist every 8-12 weeks. Any numbness or tingling in the feet should be reported immediately. Taking proactive steps to improve our overall health is one of the smartest things we can do.

—Randy Shafritz, M.D., Medical director, Bayshore Wound Care Center, Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, N.J.

**Dear Dr. Shafritz:** Thank you for your timely reminder. Readers who would like more information should contact the American Diabetes Association (diabetes.org) at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383).

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 100, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate.



"I forget what I came here to say. Grandma's right! I sure do take after her."



Domis the Menace



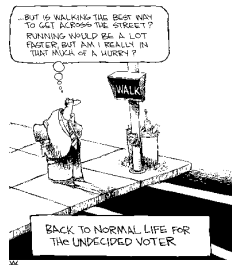
"If you ask me, I'd say that Roy went straight from 'The Terrible Twos' to 'The Terrible Fives'."

The Far Side



Randy and Mark were beginning to sense the wolves were up to no good.

Non Sequitur



—But is walking the best way to get to the office? Running would be a lot faster but I really am 'out of shape'.

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A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

## Super Six: They meet again

### Air of familiarity surrounds three DODDS-Europe football finals

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

There's something familiar about this year's DODDS high school football championships.

Two of the games — the Division II showdown between International School of Brussels and SHAPE, and the Division I matchup between Heidelberg and Wiesbaden — are rematches of games played this season.

The Division III game — Baumholder vs. Ansbach — is a rematch of last year's title tilt.

Here's a look at each game:

#### Ansbach (7-0) vs. Baumholder (6-1), 4 p.m.

The undefeated Cougars will be seeking their third straight European Division III crown and 24th straight victory.

The Cougars won last year's matchup, 43-6, and also prevailed when the teams met in the 2002 Division III title game.

Coaching will play a large role in this one. Ansbach's Marcus George has won European titles at Fulda and Hofenfelden, and is assisted by Gary Feleiner, head coach of Würzburg's 1997 European champions and Mick Plummer, who led Ansbach to a European crown in 1991.

Baumholder head coach Carter Hollenbeck has his team on a six-game win streak, for which he credits his volunteer assistants: Tom Hinz, Tim Kelly, Jon Adams, Eliot Thomasma and Scott Morton.

#### Super Six at a glance

**What:** European championship high school football games for Divisions I and III.  
**Where:** Minnick Field, Smith Barracks, Baumholder, Germany.

**Kickoff:** Thursday  
**Division I championship:** SHAPE (6-1) vs. International School of Brussels (7-0), 1 p.m.; **Division II championship:** Baumholder (6-1) vs. Ansbach (7-0), 4 p.m.; **Division III championship:** Wiesbaden (6-1) vs. Heidelberg (7-0), 7 p.m.  
**Admission:** \$5 for adults; \$3 for students.



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**Wiesbaden's Aaron Orr throws for a short gain against Kaiserslautern on Oct. 16 in Wiesbaden, Germany.**

#### Division I championship, 7 p.m.

Heidelberg Lions (7-0)

Head coach: Brad Shahan

**Players to watch:** QB T.J. Trice (40-for-77 passing for 660 yds, 9 TDs; 30 rushes for 198 yds, 4 TDs); RB Lewis Allen (138 carries, 885 yds, 10 TDs); RB Chris Jones (65 carries, 379 yds, 5 TDs); RB Jordan Yakana (42 carries for 252 yards, 4 TDs); WR Nick Trice (23 recs, 457 yds, 7 TDs); LB Brandon Simmons (4 sacks); DL Steve Kase (51 tackles, 2.5 sacks).

**Wiesbaden Warriors (6-1)**

Head coach: Steve Jewell

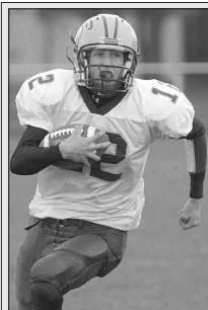
**Players to watch:** RB Paul Fry (93 carries for 613 yds, 8 TDs); RB Dan Villarejo (65 carries for 365 yds, 2 TDs); RB Shannon McGray (26 carries for 155 yds, 3 TDs, 2 return TDs); QB Steve Jewell (42-for-68, 510 yds, 6 TDs, 4 int); WR-PK Louis Seibert (7 recs for 158 yds, 3 TDs, 1 TD pass thrown, 15-for-18 PAT, 3-for-5 FG, long of 50 yards); WR Aaron Orr, Darrell Lewis (14 recs each, 2 TDs each); RB Robert Edwards (5 int).

George said there's a lot on the line for the defending champions, who have won their last 23 games by an average score of 41-9.

"Our team has a lot to play for — the streak, the three-peat and the last game together for 14 seniors," he said.

He added that his team knows what it has to do.

"In order for Baumholder to win, we know they have to establish the run," he said. "Our varsity defense has only given up one rushing TD and one passing TD this year."



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**SHAPE quarterback Sean Corcoran has completed 40 of 68 passes for 512 yards and two touchdowns this season.**

#### Division II championship, 1 p.m.

ISS Raiders (7-0)

Head coach: Bob Stewart

**Players to watch:** RB Phillip Lipman (124 carries, 558 yds, 10 TDs; 22-for-40 passing for 287 yds, 4 TDs, 3 int); TE Andrew Vanderfield (11 recs for 222 yds, 4 TDs); LB Dan Kubis (47 tackles, 2 sacks, int).

**SHAPE Spartans (6-1)**

Head coach: Kregg Kappelman

**Players to watch:** RB Danny Camarena (74 carries for 565 yds, 5 TDs); RB Steven Small (50 carries for 316 yds, 5 TDs); RB LB Richard Rindon (25 carries for 216 yds, 6 TDs; 64 tackles, 2 sacks, safety, fumble recovery); QB Sean Corcoran (40-for-68 for 512 yds, 2 TDs, 3 rushing TDs); WR Josh Gray (5 recs for 123 yds); WR-S Gue Puthman (11 recs for 139 yds, 4 int); LB Kodak Reed (64 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 int); DE Matt Alexander (47 tackles, 3 sacks, 2 fumble rec., safety).

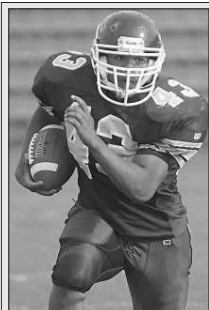
After allowing 55 points in a season-opening loss, Baumholder has held the opposition to 12.8 points per game.

#### SHAPE (6-1) vs. ISB (7-0), 1 p.m.

ISB, the Division II regular-season champion, handed SHAPE its only defeat of the season, 15-8 at SHAPE on Oct. 2.

The two Belgium-based schools are well-acquainted with each other, according to SHAPE coach Kregg Kappelman and ISB's Rob Stewart. Both said they hold the other's programs in high esteem.

And both are looking forward to the rematch.



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**Running back Antonio Mouzon and the Baumholder Bucs will try to stop Ansbach's winning streak at 23 games.**

#### Division III championship, 4 p.m.

Ansbach Cougars (7-0)

Head coach: Marcus George

**Players to watch:** RB James Esters (54 carries for 549 yds, 11 TDs); RB Dameron Outley (33 carries for 566 yds, 8 TDs); RB Dominique Murray (23 carries for 346 yds, 3 TDs); TE Russell Bailey (12 receptions for 366 yds, 6 TDs); LB Brandon Sackett (8-for-27 for 489 yds, 7 TDs).

**Baumholder Bucs (6-1)**

Head coach: Carter Hollenbeck

**Players to watch:** RB Rashad Taylor (73 carries for 630 yds, 9 TDs); RB Carl Roberts (69 carries for 354 yds, 3 TDs); WR Ron Jones (28 recs, 288 yds, 4 TDs); LB Antonio Mouzon (20 tackles, fumble rec., int.).

"They're [SHAPE] the best team we faced all year," Stewart, whose team defeated Hanau's running game and defeated the Panthers' 20-14 last Saturday to reach the final. "It helps to go in knowing you can beat them."

Kappelman, however, said the October loss to ISB, which ended a 10-game win streak, helped his team, too.

"We're in a better position now," he said. "The pressure's off, and that loss taught us a lot."

Still, Kappelman, whose team claimed a 21-7 road victory in 80-degree heat at Naples to reach the final, said he has his work cut out for him before Saturday.

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Jordan Yakana

Football  
Heidelberg

**Last week:** Yakana, a senior who ordinarily plays linebacker, stepped in when starting tailback Lewis Allen went out with a sprained ankle in the first quarter Saturday and ran for 180 yards and three TDs a 30-0 win over Würzburg.

He effort helped the unbeaten Lions reach Saturday's Division I championship game at Baumholder.

"We weren't surprised," said Heidelberg coach Brad Shahan of Yakana's performance. "He's been doing it in practice all season."



Shahan said Yakana was prepared because the team spends one day a week at practice getting Lions backups repetitions at their alternate positions.

"That's the mark of a good team," Shahan said, "when they can play step up."

The offensive line made Yakana's transition easier, Shahan said.

"Lewis had more than 100 yards when he went out," Shahan said. "If he hadn't been injured, he would have had 300 yards."

Yakana's expected to return to linebacker this week, and that's fine with Shahan. "He's one of our best athletes," he said.

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#### Kasy'e Lalau

Girls volleyball  
Patch

**Last week:** Kasy'e, a sophomore outside hitter, delivered nine kills and 16 service points Saturday as the visiting Panthers swept Black Forest Academy 25-21, 25-23, 25-21 in their final match before this season's European tournament.

Lalau also had 10 kills in an earlier sweep of Siburg.

"We've been expecting her to have a performance like that all season," said Patch coach

Todd Taylor, who added that his team changed



things up to allow Lalau her breakthrough performance.

"Earlier in the season, she'd hit a lot of balls out because she'd get so aggressive at the net," he said. "This week, we were setting her in the back row. That's where a lot of her kills came from."

The Panthers, whose only losses this season have been to Viseck and Aviano, are seeded third for the European Division II tournament Thursday-Saturday in the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

"Black Forest is usually pretty strong," Taylor said. "It was a real win that allowed us to finish second in the conference."

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# Angels cut ties with longtime closer Percival

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels won't offer closer Troy Percival a new contract, choosing instead to rely on Francisco Rodriguez in the ninth inning.

The 35-year-old Percival was 2-3 with 33 saves and a 2.90 ERA in 52 games last season. He ranked fourth in the AL in saves, with 30 or more in the seventh consecutive season, the longest such streak by an active pitcher.

"As much as I would love to finish my career with the Angels, I realize that a club is best suited with only one closer," Percival said Tuesday in a statement issued by the team.

The move was not a surprise. The right-hander had already filed for free agency after 10 seasons with the Angels.

Rodriguez, who turns 23 in January, was used mostly as a setup man the last two years. He was 4-1 with 12 saves and a 1.82 ERA in 69 games in 2004, his second full

season in the major leagues. The Angels won the AL West title before losing to Boston in the first round of the playoffs.

"I have the utmost respect for Percival Rodriguez and what he has accomplished in such a short period of time," Percival said.

"I look forward to watching the progress of his career in the years ahead."

Angels General Manager Bill Stoneman credited Percival for mentoring Rodriguez, who became the youngest pitcher to

win a World Series game in 2002, when Anaheim won the championship.

"We've been fortunate to have two closers in our bullpen, one who ranks among the best all-time, and the other whose future in that role is ahead of him," Stoneman said. "We now believe Francisco is ready to assume the role of closer for our ballclub."

Rodriguez probably will not be eligible for arbitration until after the 2005 season.

## Jeter honored with first AL Gold Glove

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's diving grab caught the attention of all of baseball and perhaps earned him his first American League Gold Glove.

The New York Yankees shortstop won the honor Tuesday, taking over from teammate Alex Rodriguez, who had won it two straight years before moving to third base this year.

In the 12th inning of a game against Boston on July 1, Jeter sprinted after Trot Nixon's pop down the left-field line with runners at second and third. He made the catch in fair territory, went sprawling into the crowd and was stopped by the hard-backed seats. He was taken to a hospital with a bloodied chin, red-and-swollen cheek and bruised shoulder, and New York went on to win in the 13th inning.

"I take pride in my defense, and I work hard each year to improve in the field," Jeter said in a statement issued by the Yankees. "There are a number of fantastic defensive shortstops in the American League — too many to count — and to be recognized with the Gold Glove makes it that much more of a special accomplishment. I also want to thank our

pitching staff for having so many of our opponents hit balls in my direction."

Eric Aschmussen analysts have said Jeter has less range than Rodriguez, Nomar Garciaparra and Miguel Tejada.

"Derek Jeter is a great, intelligent leader and captain," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "He certainly deserves this honor."

Toronto outfielder Vernon Wells also was a first-time winner.

"My hope now for next year is to put together a complete season when I might compete for both awards, the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger," Wells said.

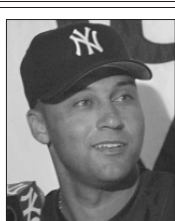
In his first season with Detroit, catcher Ivan Rodriguez won his 11th Gold Glove, his first since 2001 with Texas and the most for any catcher. Johnny Bench won the award 10 times.

Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers won the award on Nov. 10, the first time, for the third time, the first since 2002.

"I'm not the same guy I was in the years past," he said.

"There's a lot of things physically I could do that I can't do now," he said.

Despite his age, Rogers had 65 total chances, third in the AL behind Jake Westbrook (76) and Mark Buehrle (71).



New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter won his first Gold Glove at shortstop, taking over for teammate Alex Rodriguez, who moved from shortstop to third base.

"Shortstops and second basemen over the years have complained I go after balls that are hit right to them," Rogers said.

Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez, Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter and Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki all won the award for the fourth straight season. Mariners second baseman Bret Boone won his second straight Gold Glove for the Mariners, his fourth overall, and Anaheim first baseman Darin Erstad won his third award, his first since 2002.

Ivan Rodriguez and Erstad both earned \$100,000 bonuses, while Boone, Chavez, Rogers, Suzuki and Wells each earned \$50,000, and Hunter \$25,000.

The awards are sponsored by Rawlings.

## Six: Wiesbaden's ground game is key if Warriors hope to upset Heidelberg

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"I've coached against Rob a lot," Kappenman said, "and I know he's going to be prepared for what we do. We have to come up with something he's not expecting."

Stewart said he'll be reminding his players to tend to the details on Saturday.

"We want them to focus on the little things — finishing blocks and wrapping up tackles," he said. "It will be a defensive game, and any team that can sustain drives and control the ball will win."

**Heidelberg (7-0) vs. Wiesbaden (6-1), 7 p.m.**

The unbeaten Division I regular-season champion Heidelberg Lions dominated Wiesbaden 32-19 on Oct. 9 at Heidelberg.

Wiesbaden coach Steve Jewell has a prediction for potential spectators.

"It's going to be a wonderful game to watch," he

said, even if some of the things he sees might be a little scary.

"We have our hands full," he said. "They have a lot of talent. We have to control their speed guys."

And get his own power running game going against a Heidelberg defense that has surrendered just six points in the second half all season and just 44 overall.

Tied 19-19 at halftime against Wiesbaden last month, the Lions blanked the Warriors in the second half and pulled away late.

"I expect this game to be like the last one," predicted Shahan. "Only more so. Because we stopped their running game last time, they'll probably try even harder to establish it this time."

For all his team's firepower, though, Shahan cautioned fans not to expect a lot of flash and dash, at least at the outset.

"In a big game, both coaches will try to keep from making a coaching mistake," he said. "We might come out and throw the ball. But I doubt it."

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## Red Sox's Martinez fines for free agency

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Red Sox star Pedro Martinez filed for free agency Tuesday, a move that ended his Game 3 victory helped Boston win its first World Series title since 1918.

Martinez, 31, completed a \$90 million, seven-year contract. The Red Sox have exclusive negotiating rights with the three-time Cy Young Award winner until Nov. 11.

"If they don't get me, it's probably because they didn't try hard enough," Martinez said after what might have been his final start in a Red Sox uniform. "My heart is with Boston."

Martinez joins more than a dozen members of the World Series champions headed for the free-agent market, including pitcher Derek Lowe, catcher Jason Varitek and shortstop Orlando Cabrera.

"I hope I get another chance to come back with this team, but if I don't, I understand the business part of it," Martinez said.

New York Yankees right-hander Orlando Hernandez, Tampa Bay first baseman Tim Lincecum and San Diego left-hander David Wells also were among the 11 players who filed Tuesday, raising the total to 181 among the 215 players potentially eligible. Players may file through Nov. 11.

Baltimore left-hander Buddy Groom filed provisionally, pending a decision by the Orioles on whether to exercise a \$3 million option or pay a \$250,000 buyout. A day after Seattle declined a \$6 million team option, Mariners left-hander Eddie Guardado exercised a \$4 million player option.

**Backman's bankruptcy, arrests won't affect job status**

PHOENIX — Arizona Diamondbacks manager Wally Backman will keep his new job despite revelations of two arrests and financial problems in his past.

"I've made a few mistakes in my life, and I think everybody has," Backman told The Associated Press on Tuesday night. "It's a matter of whether you learn from your mistakes and move on. That's what I'm doing."

The Diamondbacks were unaware of his problems until they surfaced in a New York Times story on Tuesday. Backman met with Diamondbacks owners and other management personnel last week and was told he still had the job, he said.

"It was part of the past that I

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thought was the past, to tell you the honest truth," Backman said. "They probably should have asked me about it, and I probably should have brought it up."

Backman, Sporting News minor league manager of the year last season, was given a two-year contract to manage the Diamondbacks on Monday.

Backman acknowledged that he was arrested in 2001 after an altercation with a female family friend at his home in Pineville, Ore. He was also arrested on a charge of driving under the influence in Kennesaw, Wis., in 1999.

## Leyland withdraws from consideration for Mets job

NEW YORK — Jim Leyland finally spoke to the New York Mets about becoming their manager and decided he wasn't interested, sources of "Yankees.com," ESPN.com, Yahoo.com, and the Washington Post said.

Leyland, a former Pittsburgh, Florida and Colorado manager, had a telephone conversation Tuesday with new Mets general manager Omar Minaya.

"We decided at this particular time it's not a good fit for either of us," Leyland said during a telephone interview. "We agreed on it."

Leyland, who interviewed with the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday, didn't want to go into details, and neither did Minaya.

## Bonds extends record run with 12th Silver Slugger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — San Francisco Giants outfielder Barry Bonds extended his own record Tuesday by winning his 12th Silver Slugger award, given to the top offensive players at their positions in each league.

For the first time since the awards began in 1980, there was a tie at one position, with Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez and Cleveland's Victor Martinez sharing the honor as the top-hitting AL catcher. It was the seventh award for Rodriguez, the first for Martinez.

In the AL outfield, Boston's Manny Ramirez won his seventh Silver Slugger. Anaheim's Vladimir Guerrero also won his and the New York Yankees' Gary Sheffield his third.

# Purdue QB Orton might not play at Iowa

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton is questionable for Saturday's game at Iowa with an injured left hip.

Orton was injured during last week's 13-10 loss at Northwestern. Brandon Kirsch replaced an ineffective and injured Orton in the third quarter.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said Tuesday he is in no hurry to announce a starter for Saturday's game.

"We could hold it as long as game time," Tiller said. "We will delay the decision as long as possible."

Orton said he was feeling much better on Tuesday than he was against Northwestern, and he thought he would be ready to play in his home state.

"You look at the progress I've made from Tuesday until now, it's a lot better," he said. "I can play and help the team, then I'm going to play through some pain. But if I'm not going to be out there and hurting the team this week."

After helping Purdue win its first five games for the first time since 1945, the one-time Heisman hopeful's play has fallen. Orton was just 15 for 33 for 143 yards, one touchdown and one interception last week against Northwestern, Purdue's third straight loss.

In the first five games, Orton completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for 1,642 yards, 18 touchdowns and two interceptions.



Purdue's Kyle Orton suffered a hip injury during last week's loss to Northwestern. The Boilermakers have lost three in a row.

Over the past three games — all Purdue defeats — he has completed just 50 percent of his passes for 591 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions.

**Florida State WR Thorpe suspended; Rik takes over as starting QB**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State suspended Crapthonso Thorpe for Saturday's game against Duke because the wide receiver has missed too many classes, Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said Tuesday.

Thorpe has a team-high 31 catches for 361 yards and one touchdown for the 13th-ranked Seminoles (6-2, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

"Dominic Robinson will start in Thorpe's place. Quarterback Chris Rix will start against the Blue Devils, returning to the job he lost six games ago to Wyatt Sexton."

Rix sprained his right ankle against Clemson on Sept. 25. Sexton relieved and led Florida State to a win in that game and the next four.

Sexton was 14-for-30 for 164 yards in a 20-17 loss at Maryland on Saturday and was replaced by Rix, who went 8-for-21 for 140 yards and a touchdown.

Bowden also said starting kicker Xavier Belita will be replaced by freshman Gary Cismesia. Belita missed three field goals against Maryland.

**Four Washington basketball players suspended for opener**

SEATTLE — Four Washington players will miss the season opener against Seattle Pacific after being suspended for playing in unsanctioned summer games — a secondary NCAA rules violation.

Guards Will Conroy and Tre Simmons and forwards Bobby Jones and Jamaal Williams won't play in Nov. 19 Simmons, who played in two unsanctioned games, also

will sit out Washington's Nov. 25 game against Utah in the Great Alaska Shootout.

**French Open champion ousted in Paris**

PARIS — Seventh-seed Gaston Gaudio of Argentina lost in the second round of the Paris Masters on Wednesday, falling 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 to Spaniard Feliciano Lopez.

The reigning French Open champion was one of three seeds to lose in the second round Wednesday. The others were No. 12 Dominik Hrbaty and No. 16 Jiri Novak.

But No. 13 Guillermo Ganes of Argentina and No. 17 Vince Spadea of the United States advanced easily.

Marat Safin and Andy Roddick were scheduled to play in separate second-round matches Wednesday.

**Decision delayed on Greek sprinters who missed Olympic doping test**

ATHENS, Greece — A prosecutor postponed a decision on whether to charge two Greek sprinters who missed a doping test and withdrew from the Athens Olympics.

Kostas Kentaris and Katerina Thanou also were involved in a suspicious motorcycle accident on the eve of the Aug. 13-29 Games.

Both runners and coach Christos Tsekos have said they did not stage the accident.

Chief Athens Prosecutor Dimitris Papanagopoulos was supposed to have decided on the charges last week, but postponed an announcement. He did not explain the reasons for the postponement.

## NHL players meet, but lockout shows no signs of ending

By ROB GILLIES

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Seventy-five NHL players met with union leaders Tuesday to get an update on the lockout that shows no sign of ending.

Among those players was Montreal's Pierre Dagenais, who has said he would be willing to disavow the union and accept a salary cap if it would help settle the lockout.

Dagenais, one of a few players who have criticized the union's position, said he would meet the meeting informally — but did not retract

his comments.

"I think everyone knows what I said. I just came here to learn a little bit more. I did learn," the Canadiens forward said.

The meeting at an airport hotel was billed as a routine update on the labor dispute so player representatives could brief their teammates. But the meeting took on greater importance following recent comments by disgruntled union members Dagenais, Mike Commodore, Brian Pothier and Rob Ray.

San Jose Sharks forward Vincent Damphousse, a union vice president, invited Dagenais to the

### Lockout numbers

Through Nov. 2

DAYS OF LOCKOUT	48
DAYS OF SEASON MISSED	21
TOTAL GAMES MISSED	12

meeting.

The players met for about four hours Tuesday, after having dinner together on Monday. The meeting included player representatives from all 30 clubs and other players who wanted to attend.

NHLA executive director Bob Goodenow said there was no "crack or divisiveness" in the union. He said no new proposals

would be made to the league as a result of the meeting. He's waiting for the league to make a new proposal.

"I'm hopeful that there will be a season, but I have to tell you, there's a good chance there won't be," Goodenow said.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, said no proposal would be forthcoming from the league. He said the union's latest offer wasn't that different from a proposal they rejected 15 months ago.

"We certainly don't feel it's incumbent on us to offer anything new at this point," Daly said.

The NHL regular season was

scheduled to begin Oct. 13, but games are being canceled by teams on a 45-day rolling basis.

During the last negotiating session in Toronto on Sept. 9, the NHLPA proposed a luxury tax-based system that was rejected by the league. The NHL wants a system that guarantees "cost certainty," which the players association says is akin to a salary cap — a solution it refuses to accept.

St. Louis Blues defenseman Chris Pronger said he's waiting for the league to make a proposal.

"We're still waiting for a response. I'll wait two years if they don't want to give a response," he said.



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### Top Scores for Week 8

### Best Overall Scores

194	greekgod	Stavanger, Norway
186	Swab & Tols	Marshall Center
180	kingdaniel93	V Corp
178	Imagnum88	fob danger
176	desear60	DCS
176	sfc70	80th ASG NSA
176	Cheesehead	Andersen AFB, Guam
174	PHmedics	18 amds
174	CRUSH	Dodds
174	Joeyg188	Ramstein Air Base

1324	glants#1	hbc 2/37 ar
1286	STEEFROGWOOD	MAG-12
1274	Jaguar One	DoDDS
1272	packers97	Fisc
1268	Chicklybowwow	726 AMS
1268	Mercury1	Misawa AB
1256	dogboy	374 AMXS
1252	Allison	18 CES
1250	habusaki	friedburg
1250	Jack58	422 ABS RAF Croughton

See websites for official game rules.

Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

## NFL statistics

## AFC individual leaders

Week 8 Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	240	156	2161	22	4
Brees, S.D.	206	138	1997	14	3
Tomlin, Pittsburgh	137	96	1133	9	4
Carr, Hou.	209	138	1917	9	5
Brannan, NY-J	201	137	1502	8	2
Green, K.C.	221	145	1783	9	4
Brady, N.E.	215	129	1660	13	7
Lefkovich, Jac.	273	177	1891	9	7
Brannan, Den.	279	161	2048	15	10
Garcia, Cle.	192	111	1382	9	7

Rushers				
	Att	Yds	Av	LG TD
Holmes, K.C.	180	833	4.6	33t 13
Brown, Ten.	166	810	4.9	52 5
Martin, NY-J	171	798	4.7	25t 7
Staley, Pitt.	151	707	4.7	38 1
Jones, Ind.	151	668	4.4	30t 5
Brady, New England	162	653	4.0	42 7
Dillon, N.E.	129	637	4.9	44 3
Brady, New England	149	588	3.9	36t 4
Doughlas, Den.	117	558	4.8	32 1
Tracy, Dallas	124	510	4.1	29 1
Receivers				

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jason, Ten.	52	599	11.5	33	2
ard, Pit.	49	589	12.0	58	2
ates, S.D.	49	546	11.1	29	5
Smith, Jac.	42	703	16.7	65	2
Johnson, Hou.	42	665	15.8	54t	4
McMichael, Mia.	42	535	12.7	42t	3
Smith, Den.	41	608	14.8	80t	3
Moulds, Buf.	40	531	13.3	49	4
Harrison, Ind.	39	485	12.4	52t	7
Johnson, Cin.	36	550	15.3	53t	2

Punters			
	No	Yds	LG Avg
Lechler, Oak.	24	1629	65 47.9
H. Smith, Ind.	22	1022	62 46.5
J. Miller, N.E.	23	1041	61 45.3
Plum, N.Y.	32	1400	64 43.8
Gardecki, Pitt.	37	1614	58 43.6
Moore, N.Y.	36	1556	80 43.2
Hanson, Jack.	36	1555	69 43.2
Moore, N.Y.	31	1337	66 43.1
Cheek, K.C.	21	905	55 43.1
Scifres, S.D.	25	1488	60 42.6

Punt Returns				
Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG TD
W. Sells, Bal.	25	331	13.2	78R 2
L. Lewis, Jac.	16	181	11.3	50 0
D. Malone, Hou.	20	220	11.0	24 0
R. Northeast, Cle.	17	178	10.5	44 0
C. Plum, N.Y.	17	163	9.6	32 0
D. Clements, Buf.	16	152	9.5	40 0
Brady, N.E.-Mia.	15	114	7.6	21 0
B. Buchanan, Oak.	13	96	7.4	18 0
McGuire, N.E.	12	76	6.3	34 0
McGuire, N.Y.	9	46	5.1	9 0

Kickoff Returners					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McCabe, Buf.	21	588	28.0	98	2
Wright, S.D.	28	754	26.9	87	1
Doughnuts, Den.	12	310	25.8	48	0
Andie El, Pit.	17	429	25.2	41	0
Johnson, N.E.	23	548	23.8	41	0
Gabriel, Oak	24	562	23.4	64	0
Shmmdzadeh, Cin.	9	210	23.3	32	0
Holmes, Hou.	27	610	22.6	49	0
Russell, Cin.	11	247	22.5	35	0
Coughlin, Pit.	14	313	22.4	48	0

Scoring Touchdowns					
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Holmes, K.C.	14	13	1	0	84
Bettis, Pitt.	8	8	0	0	48
Martin, N.Y.	8	7	1	0	48
Harrison, Ind.	7	0	7	0	42
Tomlinson, S.D.	7	7	0	0	42
Brown, Ten.	5	5	0	0	30
Gates, S.D.	5	0	5	0	30
Graham, N.E.	5	0	5	0	30
James, Ind.	5	5	0	0	30

Week 8 Kicking			
Team	Yds	LG	FG TD
Elam, Den.	18-18	14-16	50 60
Holmes, K.C.	18-18	14-16	50 60
Dawson, C.	15-15	14-14	49 50
Kearse, S.D.	27-27	10-11	53 57
K. Johnson, Hou.	15-15	14-14	54 54
Graham, Cin.	12-12	14-16	53 54
Brady, New England	18-18	10-11	53 48
Brien, N.Y.	18-18	10-11	53 48
Brady, New England	18-18	10-11	53 48
Reyes, C.	20-20	8-11	51 44
Tim, C.	20-20	8-11	51 44

## Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME OFFENSE			
Team	Yds	LG	Pts
Indianapolis	144.0	111.1	302.9
Kansas City	466.1	167.6	238.6
Houston	387.6	155.0	215.0
New York Jets	364.3	152.7	211.6
San Diego	369.4	151.4	209.4
San Diego	369.4	151.4	209.4
Pittsburgh	329.9	147.7	182.1
Pittsburgh	329.9	147.7	182.1
San Francisco	313.1	131.4	187.9
San Francisco	313.1	131.4	187.9
Cincinnati	290.0	160.1	190.7
Buffalo	270.0	164.3	166.3
Baltimore	259.0	137.6	122.3
Baltimore	259.0	137.6	122.3

DEFENSE			
Team	Yds	LG	Pts
Buffalo	264.1	97.0	168.1
Buffalo	264.1	97.0	168.1
Pittsburgh	262.0	89.3	193.6
Pittsburgh	262.0	89.3	193.6
Miami	289.0	148.6	150.3
New York Jets	317.1	101.6	121.7
Tennessee	314.1	108.8	227.0
Kansas City	339.0	122.8	231.1
Kansas City	339.0	122.8	231.1
Cleveland	346.0	107.4	239.4
Cleveland	346.0	107.4	239.4
Oakland	359.0	130.6	202.0
Oakland	359.0	130.6	202.0
Indianapolis	418.7	112.9	305.9

## NFC individual leaders

Week 8 Quarterbacks					
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Culpepper, Min.	258	183	2180	20	5
McNabb, Phil.	246	158	1972	14	3
Harris, Den.	190	118	1294	12	4
Ratley, S.F.	163	105	1177	7	3
Brady, St.L.	250	161	1985	10	7
Brady, NY-G	202	131	1539	4	2
Favre, G.B.	269	173	2007	14	9
Testaverde, Dal.	237	146	1844	9	7
Brady, Brooks, N.O.	252	147	1697	9	3
Brady, Atl.	174	102	1390	6	6

Rushers					
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
er, NY-G	142	748	5.3	72t	6
nder, Sea.	147	719	4.9	44	7
a, G.B.	159	719	4.5	90t	6
, Was.	170	663	3.9	64t	2
, Ariz	132	523	4.0	29t	5
es, Chi.	117	511	4.4	54	5
ulk, STL	111	465	4.2	18	3
ATI.	65	463	7.1	58	1
brook, Phil.	90	458	5.1	50	1
, Atl.	118	438	3.7	60	7
Receivers					
	No.	Yds	Avg.	LG	TD

N.O.	47	570	121	33	4
er, G.B.	46 <td>783<th>17.0</th><td>79t</td><td></td></td>	783 <th>17.0</th> <td>79t</td> <td></td>	17.0	79t	
nson, S.F.	46 <td>493<th>10.7</th><td>25</td><td>2</td></td>	493 <th>10.7</th> <td>25</td> <td>2</td>	10.7	25	2
, STL	44 <td>635<th>14.4</th><td>36</td><td>1</td></td>	635 <th>14.4</th> <td>36</td> <td>1</td>	14.4	36	1
s, Phil.	42 <td>697<th>16.6</th><td>55</td><td>9</td></td>	697 <th>16.6</th> <td>55</td> <td>9</td>	16.6	55	9
r, G.B.	42 <td>543<th>12.9</th><td>47</td><td>2</td></td>	543 <th>12.9</th> <td>47</td> <td>2</td>	12.9	47	2
on, Sea.	40 <td>556<th>13.9</th><td>56t</td><td>4</td></td>	556 <th>13.9</th> <td>56t</td> <td>4</td>	13.9	56t	4
n, Dal.	39 <td>391<th>10.0</th><td>42t</td><td>3</td></td>	391 <th>10.0</th> <td>42t</td> <td>3</td>	10.0	42t	3
, Was.	38 <td>452<th>11.9</th><td>45</td><td>0</td></td>	452 <th>11.9</th> <td>45</td> <td>0</td>	11.9	45	0
on, T.B.	37 <td>505<th>13.6</th><td>51t</td><td>2</td></td>	505 <th>13.6</th> <td>51t</td> <td>2</td>	13.6	51t	2

Punters				
	No	Yds	LG	Avg
eta, S.T.L	29	1266	63	43.7
unson, Phil.	26	1135	62	43.7
ell, T.B.	38	1657	58	43.6
er, N.O.	35	1526	56	43.6
Was.	50	2172	58	43.4
ard, Chi.	43	1864	58	43.3
brun, Car.	37	1596	58	43.1
s, Det.	41	1744	58	42.5
Atl.	39	1651	56	42.3
n, Sea	26	1093	60	42.0

Punt Returns					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
um, Atl.	20	311	15.6	75t	1
ewis, N.O.	17	176	10.4	34	0
a, S.F.	15	154	10.3	71t	1
iamond, Det.	9	84	9.3	27	0
arters, Chi.	19	163	8.6	35	0
Dal.	14	114	8.1	13	0
man, G.B.	16	129	8.1	18	0
, NY-G	16	102	6.4	21	0
on, Was.	13	80	6.2	14	0
, Phil.	17	96	5.6	25	0

Kickoff Returns					
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
T.B.	15	433	28.9	59	0
iah, Chi.	10	270	27.0	73	0
iamond, Det.	29	762	26.3	99t	1
er, NY-G	10	262	26.2	34	0
Phi.	20	509	25.5	66	0
an, Chi.	12	299	24.9	41	0
ey, Ariz	15	354	23.6	71	0
ssard, Car.	12	275	22.9	48	0
s, Sea.	22	503	22.9	30	0
rtson, S.F.	25	560	22.4	37	0

	Scoring Touchdowns			Ret	Pts
	TD	Rush	Rec		
ander, Sea.	10	7	3	0	60
s, Phil.	9	0	9	0	54
s, Min.	8	0	8	0	48
er, NY-G	7	6	1	0	42
, Atl.	7	7	0	0	42
, G.B.	7	6	1	0	42
er, G.B.	7	0	7	0	42
son, Min.	6	0	6	0	36
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## Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME OFFENSE			
Team	Yds	LG	Pts
Minnesota	344.4	119.9	274.5
Green Bay	344.4	119.9	274.5
St. Louis	354.4	111.3	264.1
Philadelphia	344.4	119.9	274.5
Dallas	356.0	109.0	255.7
Philadelphia	344.4	119.9	274.5
New York Giants	346.7	137.3	209.4
New Orleans	346.7	137.3	209.4
San Francisco	316.7	85.3	211.6
San Francisco	316.7	85.3	211.6
Atlanta	313.1	149.6	166.3
Atlanta	313.1	149.6	166.3
Tampa Bay	290.0	164.3	166.3
Washington	278.9	131.1	166.3
Washington	278.9	131.1	166.3
Chicago	262.7	115.7	147.0
Detroit	262.7	115.7	147.0

DEFENSE			
	Yards	Rush	Pass
Washington	252.3	86.9	165.4
Tampa Bay	266.1	117.6	148.6
Philadelphia	312.6	99.6	213.0
San Francisco	315.9	115.3	200.6
New York Giants	327.6	128.3	199.3
San Francisco	327.6	118.3	209.3
San Francisco	329.0	120.7	208.3
San Francisco	332.1	152.6	179.6
San Francisco	334.8	116.1	218.6
San Francisco	338.3	113.3	225.0
San Francisco	342.6	125.0	217.6
San Francisco	349.4	106.0	243.4
San Francisco	359.4	129.7	229.7
San Francisco	360.7	107.4	253.3
San Francisco	361.4	98.3	263.1
San Francisco	410.7	141.3	275.4



# Law's injury leaves Pats thin at cornerback

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Ty Law's foot injury could not have come at a worse time for the New England Patriots.

## NFL briefs

Cornback Bill Belichick confirmed Wednesday that Law will not play Sunday against the St. Louis Rams, and a representative for the Pro Bowl cornerback said he'll miss four to six weeks with a broken bone in his left foot.

That leaves New England without either of its starting cornerbacks against one of the league's top passing attacks.

Cornback Tyrone Poole said Wednesday that, while his injured knee is healing faster than expected, he will also be out against St. Louis.

Law was hurt in the first quarter of Sunday's 34-20 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers, and he did not return to the game that ended the Patriots' 21-game winning streak.

"Ty will be out of the game," Belichick said. "He definitely won't play."

Kevin Poston, the brother and business partner of Law's agent, Carl Poston, told The Associated Press that a team doctor had diagnosed the injury, but Law will seek a second opinion for the broken bone across the top of his foot.

The injuries to Law and Poole, who

## NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis. (See Friday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league):

**Chiefs** RB Derrick Byrd (thigh bruise) doubtful.

**Giants** LB Barrett Green (knee) day-to-day; C Shaun O'Hara (leg infection) doubtful.

**Jets** MLB Sam Cowart (knee) probable.

**Redskins** LB Lavar Arrington (knee) out up to four weeks; WR Chad Morton (ACL tear) out for season; S Andre Lott (torn pectoral muscle) out for the season.

has already missed three of the past four games, leave the Patriots scrambling to fill holes in the secondary.

Assante Samuel is expected to start at one cornerback position, but Belichick hasn't decided what to do about the other side. He could move Eugene Wilson from safety and rotate rookies Dexter Reid and Randall Gay into the vacant safety slot, or play Gay at the other corner and keep the starting safety combination of Wilson and Rodney Harrison intact.

Gay filled in for Law against Pittsburgh, but he was beaten on a 47-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress on his first series.

Reid, a fourth-round pick out of North Carolina, has been used mostly on special teams this season.

"It's not about one player. It's about a group of players," said Belichick.

"There are a number of options, and we'll try and use the one we think is best."

St. Louis ranks fifth in the NFL in passing yards at 264.1 yards per game. The Rams feature two of the league's top receivers in Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce, as well as a versatile running attack.

"(Rams coach) Mike (Martell) just keeps throwing logs on the fire. He's got 10 logs on the fire, and then he'll throw three or four more on there," Belichick said. "You've got a lot of stuff to cover."

## Dolphins LB Seau out for season with torn pectoral muscle

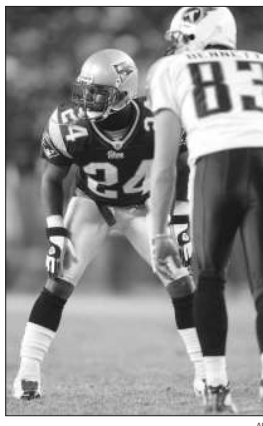
DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins linebacker Junior Seau will miss the rest of the season with a torn pectoral muscle that will require surgery and was unsure whether the injury will end his 15-year NFL career.

"Of course, I will play again," Seau said Wednesday. "I'll say that now. But that could change tomorrow."

Seau, 35, planned to undergo the first major operation of his career Thursday. He has missed only nine games in his pro career.

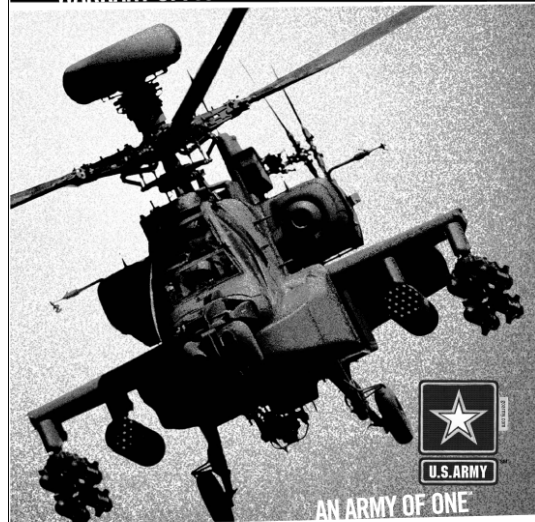
"I feel like I'm in detention and I can't go to recess," the former Pro Bowl linebacker said. "It's not a good feeling."

Seau was hurt during Monday night's 41-14 loss to the New York Jets.



New England cornerback Ty Law (24) has a broken bone in his foot and will be sidelined four to six weeks. Both starting cornerbacks for the Patriots will miss Sunday's game at St. Louis.

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## Jags QB Leftwich has knee ligament sprain

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich might not miss any action despite spraining the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee, coach Jack Del Rio said.

Sports orthopedist James Andrews of Birmingham, Ala., examined Leftwich on Tuesday and determined the quarterback best not need surgery.

Some players with the same injury have required four to six weeks of rest, but Del Rio said that rest during the current off week might be enough. The Jaguars (5-3), in first place in the AFC South, host Detroit on Nov. 14.

"We'll re-evaluate Monday and have a better sense of when Byron will be able to join us. We have not ruled out the Detroit Lions here at home," Del Rio said Tuesday.

Leftwich has completed 65 percent of his passes for 1,891 yards, with nine touchdowns and seven interceptions. In four of Jacksonville's wins, Leftwich led the team to victory on its final drive.

If Leftwich cannot play, David Garrard, who has thrown just 60 passes in his three-year NFL career, will start.

Leftwich was hurt just before halftime on a tackle by Texans linebacker Kalene Wong and defensive lineman Gary Walker. Leftwich missed two plays before putting himself back in to finish the game — without the coaches' consent.

Leftwich said immediately after the game he would be fine,



Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich sprained the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee during Sunday's 20-6 loss at Houston. But coach Jack Del Rio said the second-year pro might not miss any playing time. Jacksonville is off this week before hosting Detroit on Nov. 14.

but experienced problems the next day. Leftwich has had several leg injuries dating to his college career at Marshall.

"Byron is in good spirits," Del Rio said. "He said, 'Coach, give me this week, I'll be back next week. Don't worry about it.'"

As a rookie last year, Leftwich took over as starter from Mark Brunell, who was traded in the off-season to the Washington Redskins.

# Carter loses case against imprisoned ex-agent

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A federal jury ordered NBA star Vince Carter to pay his imprisoned former agent, William "Tank" Black, nearly \$4.7 million in lost commissions and damages.

The panel said Tuesday that Carter breached his contract with Black's company, Professional Management Inc., when the Toronto Raptors signed and waived the agreement in 2000. It awarded Black \$4,675,640.45 in actual damages.

The jury also found that Black violated his fiduciary duties to Carter and ordered the one-time sports agent to pay \$800,000 to Carter. That was the total of two loans Carter made to Black.

"Obviously, we're unhappy with it," Carter's attorney, Jake Moore, said. "It's hard to understand. One thing I know about injuries, figuring out the rationale behind decisions is sometimes very hard to do."

The decision brought a temporary end to the court case. Carter spent several days away from his NBA club as he fought Black, a federal prisoner.

Carter, who testified Monday, had returned to Toronto, where the Raptors were to open the regular season against Houston on Wednesday night.

Black, who signed Carter after he left North Carolina in 1998, sued his former client for \$9 million in commissions for endorsement deals he said he landed for Carter, as well as \$5 million in damages.

Carter countersued, demanding Black pay him the \$15.9 million Carter lost when Puma sued him over a failed shoe deal, and a \$3 million penalty for breaking the contract.

The jury said Black and his company were negligent in handling the Puma contract, but decided Carter was not harmed financially by the negligence and gave him no damages.

Black pleaded guilty to money laundering, fraud and other charges for his role in a car-title-for-cash scheme that bilked millions of dollars from sports stars, including Carter, who lost \$130,000. At one time, Black's clients included NFL players Fred Taylor, Ike Hilliard and Robert Brooks.

Moore said Carter intends to appeal and expects to file court papers within 10 days.

## Spurs extend Parker prior to deadline

BY T.A. BADGER  
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Before last season, the San Antonio Spurs wanted to push Tony Parker aside to make room for Jason Kidd at point guard.

This week the Spurs made a big commitment to the 22-year-old Frenchman: a six-year contract extension reportedly worth \$66 million.

The deal was finalized late Monday night, within a few hours of the league's signing deadline. Had an agreement not been reached, Parker would have become a restricted free agent at the end of this season.

"I'm very, very happy. There has been a lot of stress the last couple of days, and I'm just so happy it's hard to express in words," Parker said Tuesday at a news conference. "The last two or three days I thought it was finished and was not going to happen."

For San Antonio, the signing locks up the team's top three players — Parker, two-time MVP Tim Duncan and Argentine guard Manu Ginobili — for the rest of the decade.

Duncan signed a seven-year, \$122 million deal last year, while Olympic gold medalist Ginobili agreed in July to a six-year pact estimated at \$52 million.

Negotiations between the Spurs and Parker bogged down as the signing deadline approached, and on Monday, an agreement did not look likely.

Team chairman Peter Holt had dug in his heels on his offer of \$64 million for six years, while Parker gradually lowered his price to \$52 million in an effort to get the deal done.

"It was just time for me to make the right decision, and I'm glad I did," Holt said. "Tony is a key component to our success over the last three years. I started looking at that and realizing how important he is to this team."

Parker, who is close with Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, said publicly that he wanted to stay with the Spurs. He said his agent, Marc Fleisher, had urged him to test his value on the free-agent market.

Parker has averaged 13.1 points and 5.0 assists per game in his three-year NBA career.



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# Lakers' Mihm mimics Shaq

## Center scores 23 in season-opening win over Nuggets

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For one game, the Los Angeles Lakers didn't miss Shaquille O'Neal a bit.

Chris Mihm put up close to Shaq-like numbers Tuesday night, getting a career-high 23 points, 12 rebounds and two blocked shots in the Lakers' season-opening 89-78 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

"I thought our defense was just excellent," Rudy Tomjanovich said after his first game as the Lakers' coach. "That's what we need to be a running team."

The Nuggets, one of the NBA's most improved teams last season, shot a miserable 25 percent (11-for-44) in the first half and finished at 34.1 percent (30-for-88). Tomjanovich succeeded. Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three championships and another berth in the NBA Finals in five years.

With O'Neal gone, the rebuilt Lakers are Kobe Bryant's team. They weren't seriously challenged by the Nuggets although



Roundup

Bryant wasn't the whole show. Bryant had 25 points, seven assists and three blocked shots. He shot just 5-for-14 but made 14 of 15 free throws and scored 17 of his points in the second half.

"Kobe is a heck of a player, and great players bring out the best in their teammates," Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelick said.

Mihm, whose previous career high was 21 points, was 8-for-16 from the floor and 7-for-10 from the foul line.

"This is a good situation — a good fit for me on this team," he said. "It's a great start for the season. I'm a happy man, I can sleep well tonight. I played well and more important, the team won."

Caron Butler added 11 points, Brian Cook scored 10 and Lamar Odom had 13 rebounds for the Lakers. Butler and Odom were acquired from Miami along with

Brian Grant for O'Neal during the offseason.

The Lakers led by 20 points in the fourth quarter before the Nuggets rallied within seven in the final minute. But that's as close as they would get.

Voshon Lenard scored 13 points for the Nuggets before tearing his left Achilles' tendon with 4:42 left in the third quarter. He will undergo surgery and probably be sidelined for the season, a team spokeswoman said.

"It's going to be out for a while, there's no question about that," Bzdelick said.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 20 points. Kenyon Martin, playing his first game for the Nuggets, had 13 points and seven rebounds, and Camby had 16 rebounds and six blocked shots to go with eight points.

**Mavericks 107, Knicks 98:** At Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 of his 33 points in the first three quarters, helping Dallas take a big lead, then made two free throws with 15.5 seconds left to



center after O'Neal was traded to the Miami Heat in the offseason, had 23 points and 12 rebounds in an 89-78 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

Los Angeles Lakers' Chris Mihm, left, who replaced Shaquille O'Neal as the Lakers' starting center after O'Neal was traded to the Miami Heat in the offseason, had 23 points and 12 rebounds in an 89-78 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

seal the victory. He also had 10 rebounds and five assists.

Michael Finley added 18 points for Dallas. Fred Miller led Sacramento with 24 points, and Chris Webber had 21 points and 10 rebounds.

## NBA scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	
New York	0	0	
New York	0	0	
Philadelphia	0	0	
Toronto	0	0	
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	
Charlotte	0	0	
Orlando	0	0	
Washington	0	0	
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	1	0.000	1/2
Chicago	0	0.000	1/2
Cleveland	0	0.000	1/2
Indiana	0	0.000	1/2
Milwaukee	0	0.000	1/2

### Western Conference

Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	1	0.000	1/2
Memphis	0	0.000	1/2
New Orleans	0	0.000	1/2
San Antonio	0	0.000	1/2
Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	0	0.000	1/2
Portland	0	0.000	1/2
Seattle	0	0.000	1/2
Utah	0	0.000	1/2
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	0	0.000	1/2
Golden State	0	0.000	1/2
Sacramento	0	0.000	1/2
Phoenix	0	0.000	1/2

Tuesday's games			
Home	Visitor	Score	Time
Detroit 87	Houston 79	87-79	7:27
Dallas 107	Sacramento 98	107-98	7:27
Wednesday's games			
Home	Visitor	Score	Time
Indiana at Cleveland			
Houston at Toronto			
Philadelphia at Boston			
Phoenix at New York			
Miami at New Jersey			
New York at San Antonio			
Sacramento at San Antonio			
Atlanta at Phoenix			
Seattle at L.A. Clippers			
Portland at Golden State			

Thursday's games			
Home	Visitor	Score	Time
Washington at Charlotte			
Cleveland at Miami			
Minnesota at Detroit			
Friday's games			
Home	Visitor	Score	Time
Detroit at Toronto			
Philadelphia at Indiana			
Atlanta at Boston			
Orlando at New Orleans			
Phoenix at Chicago			
L.A. Clippers at Portland			
Utah at Golden State			

Saturday's games			
Home	Visitor	Score	Time
Miami at Cleveland			
Orlando at Charlotte			
Phoenix at New York			
Philadelphia at Detroit			
San Antonio at New Jersey			
Chicago at Indiana			
New Orleans at Minnesota			
Cleveland at Milwaukee			

# Pistons: Team play trumps McGrady-Yao combo

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The Rockets shot just 39 percent. Charlie Ward had 13 points, Maurice Taylor had 12 and Jim Jackson added 10.

Rashad Wallace, Billups and Prince made three-pointers early in the fourth quarter to cap a 13-2 run, putting the Pistons ahead 68-61.

After Detroit's stingy defense forced a shot-clock violation midway through the fourth, Ben Wallace's tip-in gave the Pistons a 76-66 lead.

The Rockets didn't get closer than five after that. Detroit had one last chance to enjoy its accomplishment from last season. Before the game, the Pistons were presented with championship rings by NBA Commissioner David Stern.

When the nine returning Pistons walked to center court for their rings during a 15-minute ceremony, they wore huge, gold-plated black belts provided by Hasbreek Wallace that read: World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion.

Just before Detroit's third world championship banner was raised to the rafters, Billups reached his right hand out and grabbed it.

"You wait so long for this day to happen and when it happens, you just want to cherish it," said Hamilton, who put his ring on during the ceremony. "You forget that you've got a game to play."

The Rockets acquired McGrady during the offseason hoping he and Yao could form an inside-outside combination that could replace O'Neal and Bryant as the dominant duo in the NBA.

"It's going to take time, but those two guys are going to be really special together," Pistons coach Larry Brown said.

Antonio McDyess was ejected from his Pistons debut for kicking the ball while complaining about a foul. He had three points, one rebound and one steal in nine minutes against Houston.

McDyess was called for a foul as he jumped for a rebound with 5:51 left in the second quarter. As McDyess walked downcourt, he dropped the basketball, kicked it and was ejected because of a new NBA rule.



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady (1) driving on Detroit Pistons' Elden Campbell, missed 12 of 18 shots and scored 10 points.

# Sprewell cited after argument with officer

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Sprewell of the Minnesota Timberwolves received a misdemeanor citation Tuesday after being involved in a verbal confrontation with a police officer.

Sprewell, who was criticized by NBA Commissioner David Stern for comments he made regarding a contract extension, was riding in a vehicle that was stopped in downtown Minneapolis about 6 p.m. Tuesday, police spokesman Ron Reier said.

Sprewell spoke up while the driver was being questioned about licensing and insurance.

"Somehow, Sprewell attempted to intervene in the situation," Reier said. "He was then ordered to get out of the car."

Sprewell ignored the order and was ticketed for failing to obey the lawful order of a police officer, Reier said.

Sprewell has demanded that the team extend his contract, or he'll ask to be traded. Sprewell averaged 16.8 points last season and is due to make \$14.6 million this year.

Timberwolves vice president Kevin McHale declined to comment about the citation.

## Average ticket price \$45.28

CHICAGO — Even without Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers have the NBA's highest average ticket price for the third straight year at \$77.36, more than \$30 above the league average of \$45.28.

The league average is up 2.1 percent from the 2003-04 season, according to the Team Marketing Report's annual study, which was released Tuesday.

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The New York Knicks, who were swept in the first round of the playoffs by New Jersey, raised ticket prices 10 percent and had the league's second-highest average ticket at \$70.51.

The league's lowest average ticket is for a Golden State Warriors game at \$27.69, a 5 percent increase. The expansion Charlotte Bobcats will be charging \$36.61 per ticket.

## Status of Heat center O'Neal is game-time decision

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bothered by a strained left hamstring, Shaquille O'Neal said he would decide before tipoff whether he would play in the Miami Heat's opener Wednesday night against the New Jersey Nets.

"It's feeling pretty good. I practiced OK this morning," O'Neal said after the team's morning shootaround. "It's kind of sore, but it's feeling OK. I'm going to stretch, eat some pudding and some ice cream, and then I'll think about it."

O'Neal sat out practice for four consecutive days after aggravating the injury, which has hampered him throughout the preseason.

He estimated himself to be about 70-75 percent of full strength.

"I can't run as fast, I can't move laterally as fast," O'Neal said. "It's really frustrating. I worked very hard, put in a lot of work, but injuries like this won't last forever."



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# Winners ... and still champions

## Pistons raise banner, shut down Rockets in opener

BY LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Yao and T-Mac experienced what Shaq and Kobe did.

The defending NBA champion Detroit Pistons are a tough match for any dynamic duo.

Rasheed Wallace, one of five Pistons to score in double figures, had 24 points to help Detroit defeat the Houston Rockets 87-79 Tuesday night in the first game of the NBA season.

"A lot of us are still doubting us, so I guess we just have to go win it all again," Wallace said.

Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming, playing their first regular-season game together, found out what Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal did during their final five games together with the Los Angeles Lakers: The Pistons, relentless on defense and well-balanced on offense, are difficult to beat.

"When you have one or two guys, we've got five coming at you," Richard Hamilton said. "That's tough."

McGrady missed 12 of 18 shots and finished with 18 points after scoring just three during the first half. Yao had just seven points on 2-for-9 shooting.

"They play D'. That's why they won a championship," McGrady said. "They did a great job of picking up the intensity in the second half, and they hit shots in the fourth."

Detroit's entire starting lineup from last season is back, and all five players scored at least 10. Aside from Rasheed Wallace's big night on 10-for-19 shooting, Chauncey Billups had 17, Hamilton scored 15, Ben Wallace had 15 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Tayshaun Prince scored 10 while smothering McGrady defensively much like he did against Bryant during the NBA Finals.

"It's very similar to guarding Kobe," Prince said. "I just had to use my length."

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Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton shows off his NBA championship ring as he leaves the locker room following the Pistons' season-opening victory over the Houston Rockets at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday.

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Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace raises his arms during a banner-raising celebration for their 2004 NBA championship prior to their season opener against the Houston Rockets in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Tuesday. During the ceremony, the nine returning Pistons wore gold-plated black belts provided by Rasheed Wallace that read: World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion. The Pistons defeated the Rockets 87-79.

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# Yankees SS Jeter wins first Gold Glove award

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